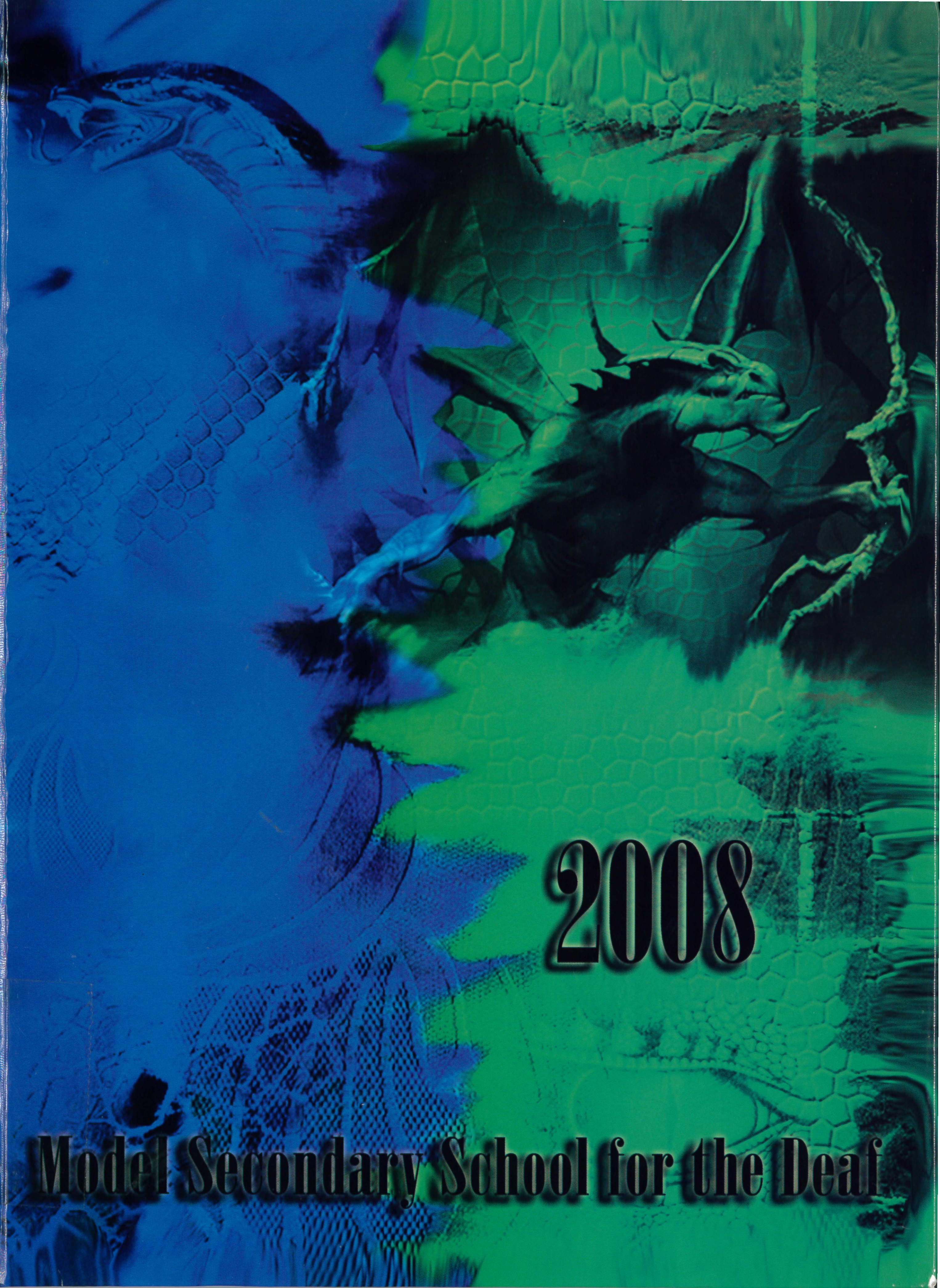

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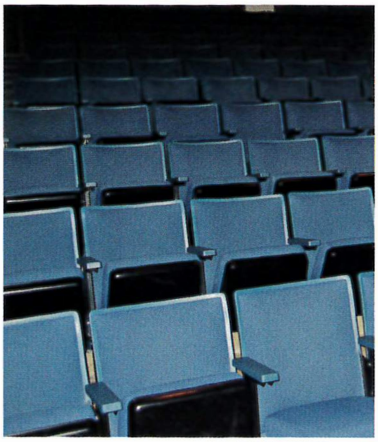
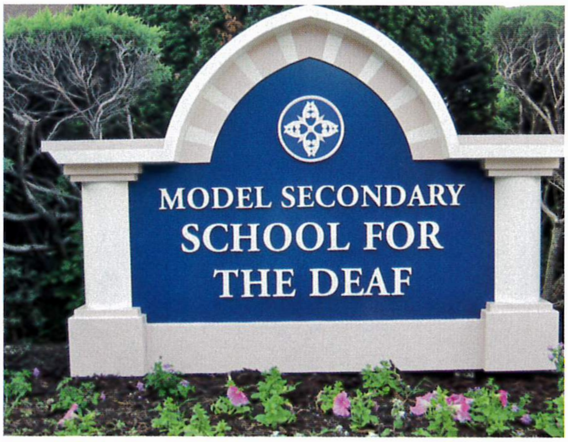
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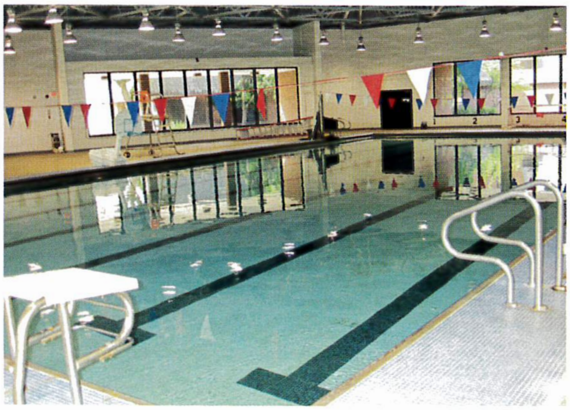












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LIVE



your life to its
FULLEST

Rosa Bonilla
Wegahta Aresei
Kenneth Montanez

LAUGH



at all the things that
DON'T MATTER

Teachers/Sponsors
Jennifer Nasukiewicz
Philip Bogdan

LOVE



with all that you
HAVE & MORE

Tiffany Sivell
Sharice Baker
Ashley Barber

YEARBOOK 07-08 STAFF

YEARBOOK DEDICATION

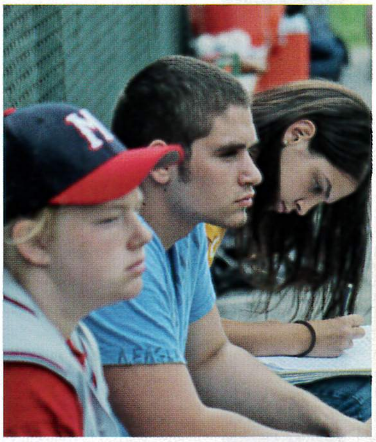


The Class of 2008 would like to dedicate the 2008 yearbook to
Michael Peterson.
You are our tree.
For many years, Michael has worked tirelessly in various positions for MSSD, contributing his time and energy to making our school a fantastic place to be! He has done a lot for us such as coordinating camping trips, sponsoring organizations, etc. Michael gave us plenty of advice and widsom and we would like to thank him for his commitment to the students of MSSD!

Live, Love, Laugh!









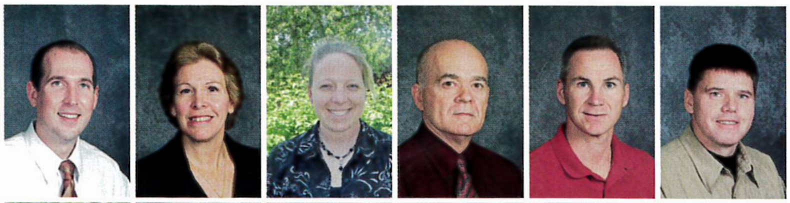



TEACHERS & STAFF



The teachers and staff that watch over YOU! :)

Daniel Dukes, Principal
Yvonne Olsen, Assistant Principal
Jessica Sandle, Assistant Principal
Timothy Frelich, Director, Student Pgms and Svcs
Mark Burke, Athletic Director
Justen Burns, Coordinator of Stud. Development



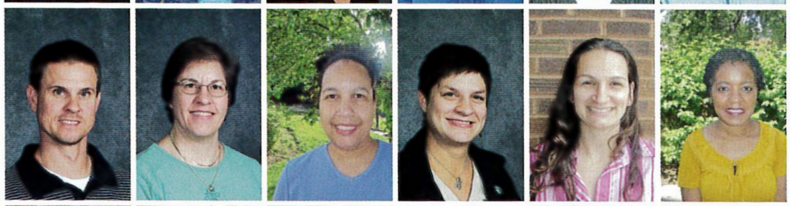
Jennie Vaccaro-Sivak, Coordinator of Stud. Development
Melissa Lawton, Coordinator of Student Pgms
Amy Malone, Lead Teacher-English
Luciana Spinosi, Lead Teacher-Social Studies
David Warn, Lead Teacher-Math
Del Wynne, Lead Teacher-Science



Jim Adams, CCTS
Katherine Adams, Speech-Language Pathologist
Laurie Anderson, Performing Arts
Alison Aubrecht, Counselor
Janie Baldi, English
Philip Bogdan, Visual Literacy-Photography



Darrin Brecheen, Physical Education
Frances Brown, Testing & Evaluation Coordinator
Genie Chisholm, Lead Speech-Language Pathologist
Jennifer Cranston, English
Jessica Duhon, Educational Planner
Venita Dzime-Assison, Audiologist



Mary Ellsworth, Science
Dale Ford, Sophomore Transition Counselor
Becky Gage, Deaf Studies/Eagle News
Lauralynn Helms-Salit, I. S. S. Coordinator
James Hynes, Student Enhancement Educator
Richard Jeffries, English



Barbara Jensen, Admissions Secretary
Luanne Kowalski, Junior Transition Counselor
Amber Marchut, Science/Math
Lisa Montalvo, Counselor
Jennifer Nasukiewicz, English/Yearbook
Robert Parkinson, Math



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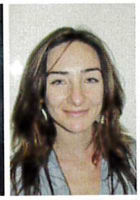




TEACHERS & STAFF





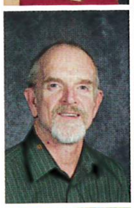
Carolyn Perry, Math
James Perry, Social Studies
Mark Phipps, Math
Nicole Powell, Executive Secretary, S.P.S.
Megan Priddy, Athletics Trainer
Tami Santimyer, English








Lori Schmidt, School Psychologist
Mary Ann Seremeth, Social Studies
Margaret Simpson, Math
Sara Stallard, English
Jason Stewart, English
Jennifer Strunk, Counselor








Allen Talbert, Internship Specialist
Mark Tao, Science
Kevin Taylor, Science
Nanette Virnig, Assistant Athletic Director
Wei Wang, Media
Niesha Washington, Science







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Georgia Weaver, School Social Worker
Janet Weinstock, English
Charles Welsh-Charrier, Teacher, Special Projects
Heather Withrow, Art
Tyese Wright, Extended Work Program
Joseph Wu, Database Specialist



Naomi Zowader, I.E.P. Coordinator



Be good...Be VERY good! :)




DORM STAFF

Residence Hall B (RHB) Dorm: Jennie Sivak, Coordinator of Student Development; Valerie Tromenikoff, Tricia Alleyne, Chantal Bergeron, Holly Bullard, Lauren Huseby, and Rachel Parker, Residential Educators.



Student Programs: Melissa Lawton, Coordinator of Student Programs; Frank Turk, Jr., Recreation Specialist; Ben Hoshina, Co-Curricular Specialist. Absent: Yola Rozynek.











Residental Hall E (RHE) Dorm: John Spinosi, Phil Kyre, Chris Sewell, D..., Residental Educators. Bo Acton, Residence Education Manager.



Residence Hall BN (Ballard North) Dorm: Bo Acton, Residence Education Manager. Ayuk Ogork, Doug Bortoletto, and Clint Church, Residential Advisors.

CAUGHT IN ACTION!

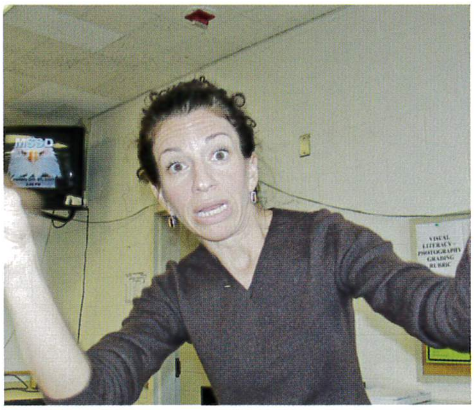








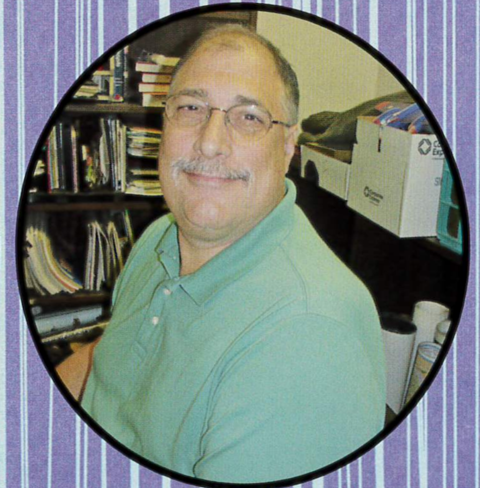



TEACHER SUPERLATIVES



Strictest
Laurie Anderson



Most Talkative
James Perry



Most Organized
Mary Ellsworth



Most Flexible
Kevin Taylor



Best All Around
Niesha Washington



Most Humble
David Warn



Most Dedicated
Janet Weinstock



Funniest
Jason Stewart

Introducing the Fabulous 2008ers!!!



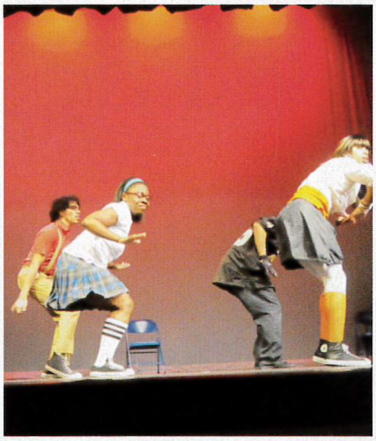
Back row, l-r: Janet Weinstock and Kevin Taylor, sponsors. Front row, l-r: Rikki DiMaria, president; Samantha Groetken, secretary; Mike Halloran, vice president.



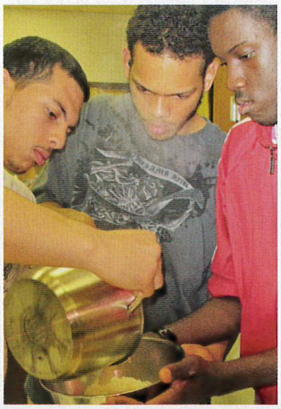






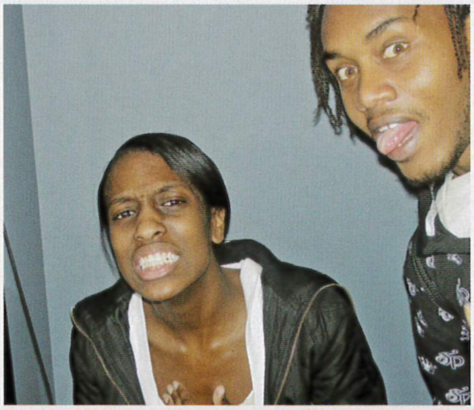




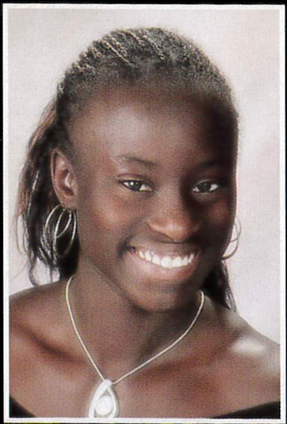












Denise Acquah

Hometown: Frederick, Maryland
School Activities: Fall Cheerleading (1, 2, 3); Track (3, 4, 5); Wrestling (3, 4, 5); Powerlifting (3, 4, 5); Peer Health Advocate (4) Peer Mediator (5); KDES daycare worker (5)
Future Plans: Go to community college.





Merime Ahmed

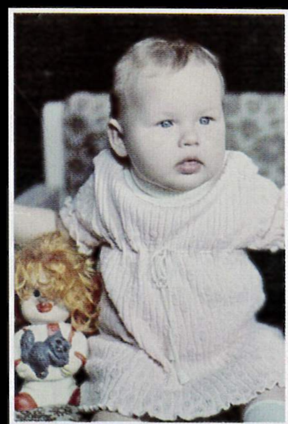
Nickname: Ima, Rime
Hometown: Silver Spring, Maryland
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Laugh as much as you breathe and love as long as you live."
School Activities: Spring Play crew (1); Botball (1); Peer Health Advocate (2, 3); Prom Committee (3); Fall Showcase (3); Winter Dance (3); Cultural Exchange Program (4); National Honor Society (3, 4)
Future Plans: Go to NTID!





Laura Akelyte

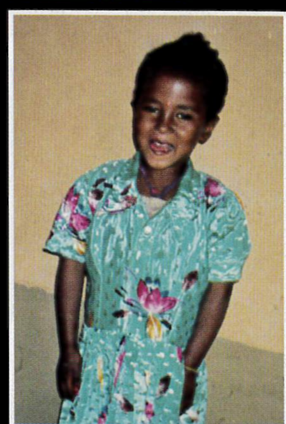
Nickname: Lora
Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Favorite Saying/Quote: "A smile brightens your day!"
School Activities: Basketball (2); Volleyball (2, 3); Spring play (2); Peer Mediator (3, 4); Fall/Winter Cheerleading (4)
Future Plans: Go to community college.



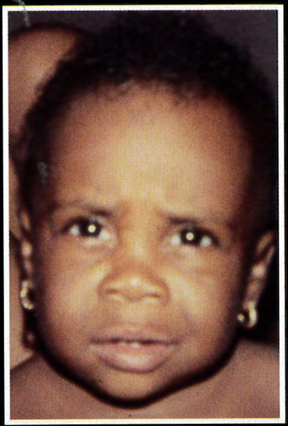


Wegahta Aresei

Nickname: Wiggy
Hometown: Bowie, Maryland
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Nothing is impossible!"
School Activities: Track (1, 3, 4); Drill Dance Team (2); Peer Health Advocate (3); Peer Mediator (4); Basketball (3); Fall Showcase (3); Basketball manager (3); Jr. National Association of the Deaf (4); Winter Dance (4); Spring Showcase (4)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year and then go to Gallaudet University.



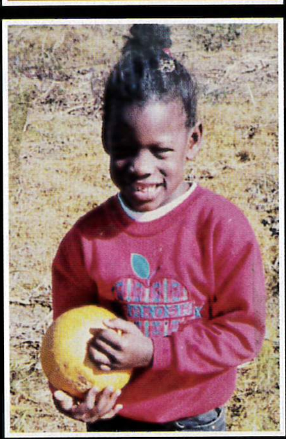




Sharice Baker

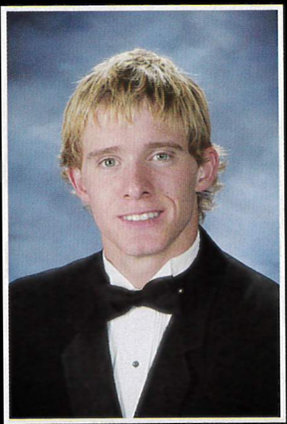
Nickname: Ressey
Hometown: Bronx, New York
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Freedom Forever True Love"
School Activities: Winter Dance (2, 3, 4); Track (3); Fall Showcase (2); AEO (2); Mr./Miss Onyx Pageant (2); Spring Showcase crew (4); Jr. Black Deaf Advocates (4); Yearbook Club (4); Fall Showcase crew (4); Peer Health Advocate (4)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year, then go to college.





Ashley Barber

Nickname: SBICCA, Ash-Mash
Hometown: Washington, District of Columbia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Pointless!"
School Activities: Fall Cheerleading (1); Basketball (1); Track (1, 3, 4); Winter Dance (2); Volleyball (2, 4)
Future Plans: Go to NTID!





Johnny Bingham

Nickname: J.J.
Hometown: Mullica Hill, New Jersey
Favorite Saying/Quote: "There's a big world out there. Bigger than prom, bigger than high school and it won't matter if you were the prom queen or the quarterback of the football team or the biggest nerd. Find out who you are and try not to be afraid of it."
School Activities: Football (1, 2, 3, 4, 5); Basketball (1, 2, 3, 4, 5); Baseball (1, 2, 3, 4, 5); Peer Mediator (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University.





Ro'Derrick Brown

Nickname: King Rock
Hometown: Vicksburg, Mississippi
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Laugh for no reason!"
School Activities: KDES P.E. Worker (5)



Tristian Brown

Nickname: Tee Tee, Lendaz
Hometown: Washington, District of Columbia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Why, what you say? What are you talking about?"
School Activities: AEO (1, 2); Camping in West Virginia (4)





Maria Castaneda

Nickname: Rosario, Chayo, Mamacita
Hometown: Onley, Virginia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Dreaming of you." "No me Queda Mas" (song: "Don't love anymore")
School Activities: Fall Showcase (3); Track (3); Winter Dance (3, 4); National Council of Hispanic Deaf (4); Latina pageant contestant (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University!





Marquesa Comer

Nickname: Quesa
Hometown: Columbus, Ohio
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Yeah, right!"
School Activities: Cheerleading (3, 4); Winter Dance (3, 4); Work at American Eagle and Hollister (5)



Yolanda Cooper

Nickname: Landa
Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio
Favorite Saying/Quote: I'm black and proud of it.
School Activities: Volleyball (2); Basketball (2, 3, 5); Winter Dance (4)
Future Plans: Go to NTID.





Shayna Crowell

Nickname: Shay
Hometown: Tucson, Arizona
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Be yourself."
School Activities: Volleyball (2, 3); Winter Dance (2); Spring Play (2); Student Body Government Vice President (4); Basketball (4); Fall Showcase (4)
Future Plans: Go to college in Arizona

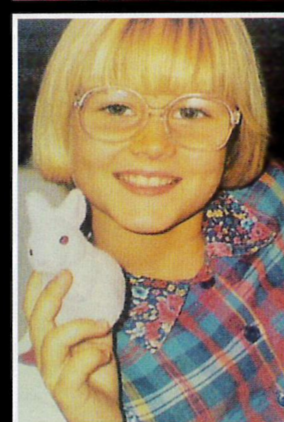




Rikki DiMaria

Nickname: Lemonhead
Hometown: St. Albans, Vermont
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Don't throw it on me!" and "Don't argue with me."
School Activities: Volleyball (1, 2); Basketball (1); Softball (1, 4); Cheerleading manager (2); Mr/Miss MSSD Pageant (2); Peer Health Advocate (2); Spring play (2) Director (3); Peer Mediator (3); Jr. National Association of the Deaf (3); Prom committee (3); National Honors Society (3, 4); Eagle Zone cashier (3) Student manager (4); Class President (4); Cultural Exchange Program (4); Leadership Training Program (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University to study social work.





Amelia Duffy

Nickname: Sugar Cone
Hometown: Boston, Massachusetts
Favorite Saying/Quote: "To me, boxing is like a ballet, except there's no music, no choreography, and the dancers hit each other."
School Activities: Dance Club (3); Cheerleading (4)
Future Plans: Go to beauty school and own my own salon.

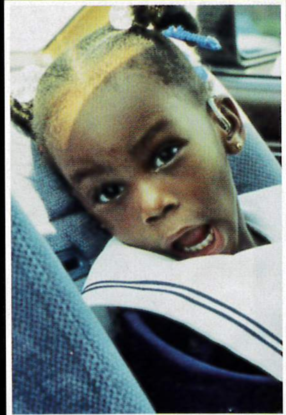




Sergio Duran

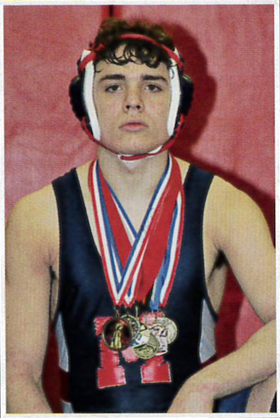
Nickname: Nay
Hometown: Bronx, New York
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Whatever you say!"
School Activities: Basketball (2); Fall Showcase (3, 4); Spring Play crew (2, 3); Peer Health Advocate (4); Crew for Deaf Teen America Pageant 2008 (4)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year, then go to college.





Jennifer Ekwem

Nickname: Chiko
Hometown: North Carolina
Favorite Saying/Quote: "You can succeed no matter what other people say."
School Activities: Winter Dance (4); Hollister and American Eagle (5)



Andrew Ferguson

Nickname: Ando
Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma/ Washington, District of Columbia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "I think, therefore I am."
School Activities: Football (1, 3, 4); Wrestling (1, 2, 3, 4); Botball (1, 2, 3, 4); Class President (3); Prom Committee (3); Academic Bowl (1, 2, 3, 4); Cultural Exchange Program (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University to study microbiology.





Domonic Gordine

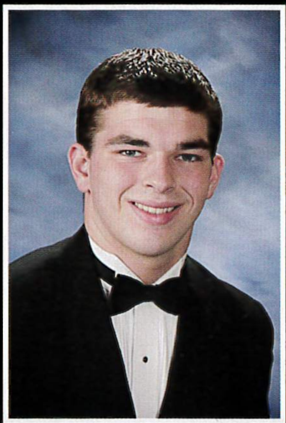
Nickname: Domo
Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Whoop 'em!"
School Activities: Football (3); Powerlifting (3); Winter Dance (4); Peer Mediator (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University





Samantha Groetken

Nickname: Lee
Hometown: Dakota City
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Life is short, so deal with it."
School Activities: Fall Showcase crew (4); Jr. National Association of the Deaf (4); Class Secretary (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University to major in education.



Michael Halloran



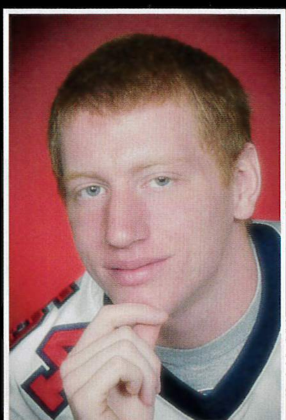
Nickname: Mike
Hometown: Waldorf, Maryland
Favorite Saying/Quote: "No pain, No gain"; "Just Do It"; "Be Strong, Stay Strong"
School Activities: Football (1, 2, 3, 4); Basketball (1, 2, 3, 4); Baseball (2); Powerlifting (1, 2, 3); Track (3, 4); Eagle Zone (3, 4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University and major in business!



Megan Harrison



Nickname: Meggy, Meggi, Meg
Hometown: Woodbridge, Virginia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Love is a many splendored thing"; "Love lifts us up where we belong"; "All you need is love!"
School Activities: Softball (3, 4); Basketball (4)
Future Plans: Go to NTID!



Ryan Hastings

Nickname: Cinnamon
Hometown: Cherry Valley, Massachusetts
Favorite Saying/Quote: "We will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." -Martin Luther King, Jr.
School Activities: Baseball (4, 5); Basketball (4); Football (4, 5); Wrestling (5)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University.



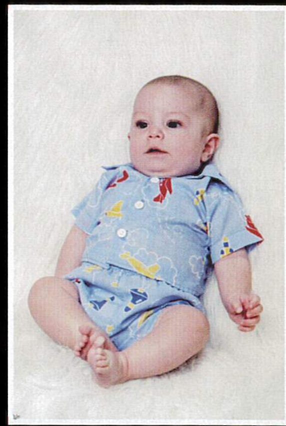
Christopher Henson

Nickname: CS
Hometown: Bowie, Maryland
School Activities: Basketball (1, 2, 3); Track (1); Football (4)



Corey Hunt

Nickname: Sillyboy203
Hometown: Denver, Colorado
Favorite Saying/Quote: "LOL!"
School Activities: Football (3, 4);
Basketball (3); Baseball (3, 4)

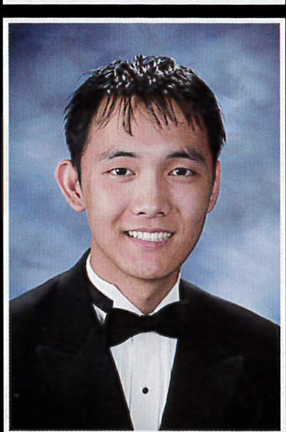




Oana Hunter

Hometown: Constanta, Romania
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Judge me and I'll prove you wrong. Tell me what to do and I'll tell you off. Say I'm not worth it and watch where I end up. Call me crazy but you really have no idea."
Future Plans: Go to NTID.





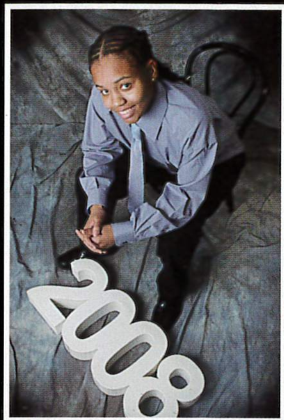
Munkhsaruul Jargalsaikhan

Hometown: Arlington,Virginia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Hey"
School Activities: Theater (2, 3, 4);
Botball (2, 3, 4); Rocket Team (3, 4);
National Honor Society (3, 4)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year, then go to college



Jahmal Jones

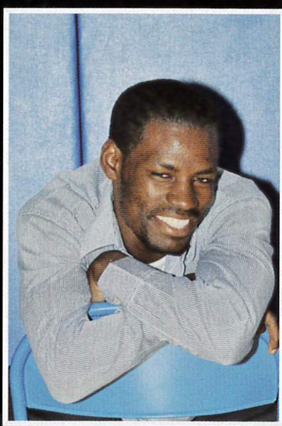
Nickname: Big Bear, Bigmal
Hometown: Baltimore, Maryland
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Chillin'"
School Activities: Football (2, 3, 4);
Powerlifting (2, 3, 4); Track (4); Wrestling (4)
West Virginia Camping (3); Spring Play crew (4)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year, then go to voc training



Sierra Jones

Nickname: Romeo, Lil Meechie, Cee-Cee, Bookie boo, Cutie Pie
Hometown: Orange City, Florida /Richmond, Virginia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Keep it real all day." "Be a strong black woman."
School Activities: Football (1, 2); Basketball (1, 2, 3); Powerlifting (2, 3, 4); Fall Showcase (2)





Mukanda Kayembe

Nickname: Mc Mike
Hometown: Hampton, Virginia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "I am always fever." - Hulk
School Activities: Football (1, 2); Track (1, 2); Wrestling (1, 2) manager (3, 4); Powerlifting (2); Men's Volleyball (2); Peer Health Advocate (2, 3, 4); Fall Showcase (3); Spring Play (3)





Jacqueline Keaton

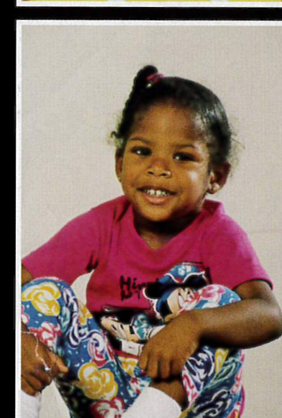
Nickname: Missy Jackii
Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Wisdom is the supreme part of happiness." "How we spend our day is, of course, how we spend our lives."
School Activities: Winter Dance (4); American Eagle and Hollister (5)
Future Plans: Go to NTID.





Jene Kelly

Nickname: Jee Jee
Hometown: Camp Springs, Maryland
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Knowledge is power." "Believe in yourself and that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle."
School Activities: Winter Dance (2, 3, 4, 5)
Future Plans: Go to NTID, and then work at the CIA.





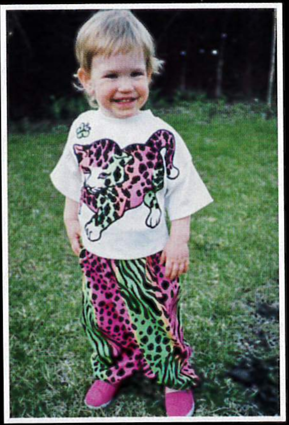
Noel King



Nickname: Mel, Jolissa, Cat, No-el (train)
Hometown: Little Rock, Arkansas
Favorite Saying/Quote: "An intellectual is someone whose mind watches itself." -Albert Camus
School Activities: Jr. National Associaton of the Deaf (4); Cultural Exchange Program (4); Winter Cheerleading manager (4); Softball (4); National Honor Society (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University and study psychology.



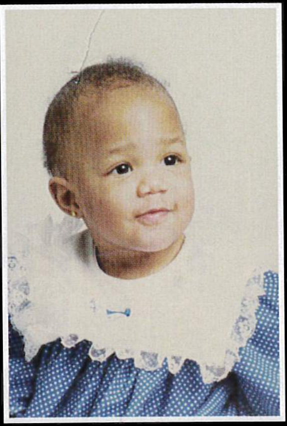
Danielle Koplitz



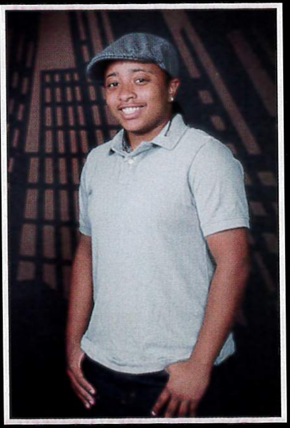
Nickname: Dani
Hometown: Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Favorite Saying/Quote: Hakuna Matata "No worries" - *Lion King*
School Activities: Spring Play (2, 3); Spring Play director (3);
Peer Mediator (3, 4); Winter Dance (3); Fall/Winter Cheerleading (4)
Future Plans: Go to RIT and study interior design.



LeAnha Lawson



Nickname: LeLe
Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Of course! What do you think?"
School Activities: SBG Secretary (1); Class Secretary (1); Track (1, 3, 4); Fall/Winter Cheerleading (2, 3, 4); Winter Dance (3, 4); Prom Committee (3); Class Treasurer (3); Peer Mediator (4); Eagle Zone cashier (4); Cultural Exchange Program (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University and major in kinesthiology.



Ashley Lockard



Nickname: A.T.L.
Hometown: New York City, New York
Favorite Saying/Quote: You don't have to justify yourself or your desires to anyone. Just be you.
School Activities: Basketball (2, 3, 4); Softball (2); Battle of the Birds (2, 4); Fall Play crew (3); Football manager (4); Peer Mediator (4)
Future Plans: Go to college in NYC!



Emily Macedo

Nickname: Emi
Hometown: Riverside, California
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Success comes in can's, not can't's."
School Activities: Volleyball (4, 5); Basketball (4); Softball (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet

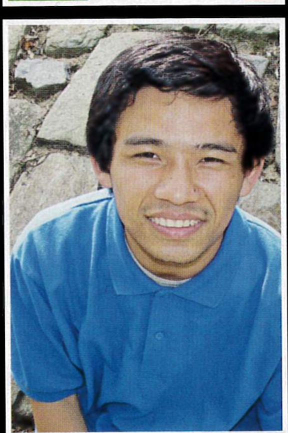




Amy Martin

Nickname: Miao
Hometown: Arlington, Virginia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Happiness is everything."
School Activities: Volleyball (1, 2, 3, 4); Basketball (1, 3); Softball (1); Powerlifting (1, 2, 3); Winter Cheerleading (2); Spring Play (2)
Future Plans: Go to college





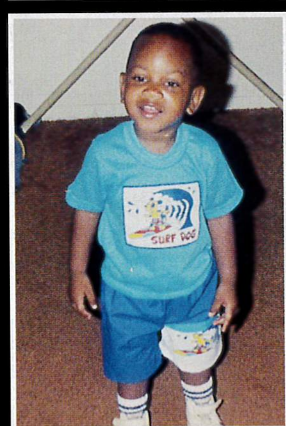
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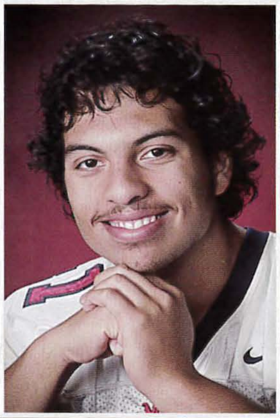
Hometown: Arlington, Virginia
School Activities: Football (1, 2) manager (3); Wrestling (1, 2, 3) manager (4); Track (1, 2, 3) manager (4)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year, then go to college



Branden McCarter

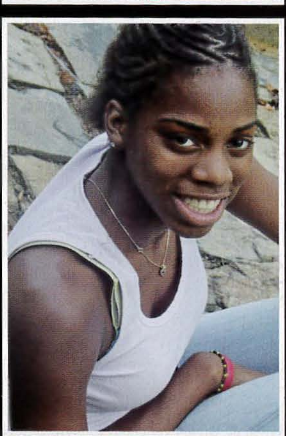
Nickname: B-Royal
Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Nobody can't see my feelings, but only I understand my feelings." & "Yo!"
School Activities: Basketball manager (3, 4); Black Jr. National Deaf Association dance (3); Deaf Teen America 2008 crew (4)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year, then go to college





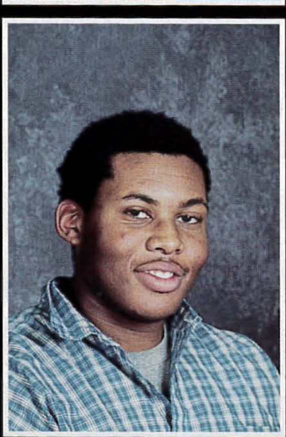

Kenneth Montanez

Nickname: Kenny, Ken
Hometown: New York City, New York
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Never give up!" "Keep your head up!"
School Activities: Football (2, 3, 4); Basketball (2, 3); Baseball (2, 3, 4); Battle of the Birds (2, 3, 4); Mr./Miss Onyx Pageant (2); Wrestling (4); Peer Mediator (3, 4)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year and then go to Gallaudet University!



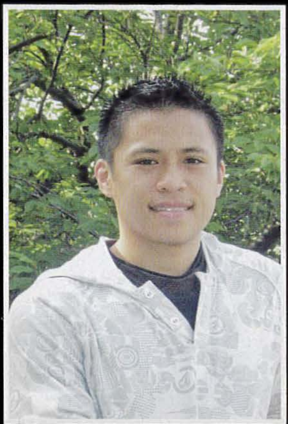

Tarrah Musgrove

Nickname: Tara, Tarah, Babygirl
Hometown: Durham, North Carolina
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Fine and...?"
School Activities: Basketball (1, 2, 3); Track (1, 3, 4)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year and then go to college




Joseph Ofodile

Nickname: Big Joe
Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina
Favorite Saying/Quote: "If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun!"
School Activities: Football (2, 3, 4); Basketball (2, 4); Track (3); Battle of the Birds (4); Powerlifting (4); Peer Health Advocate (4); Spring Play crew (4)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year, and then go to Gallaudet




Ryan Ong

Hometown: Wheat Ridge, Colorado
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Knowledge is power!"
School Activities: Basketball (3, 4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University

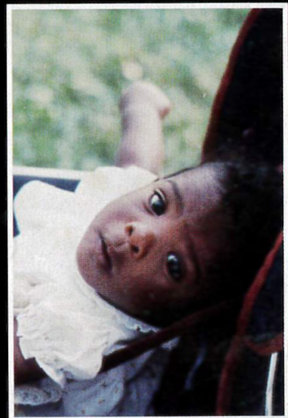


Shannon Paton

Nickname: Bunnie
Hometown: W. Topsham, Vermont
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Act your age, not your shoe size!"
School Activities: Softball (3); Basketball manager (3); Baseball manager (3)
Future Plans: Go to college



Ameena Patterson



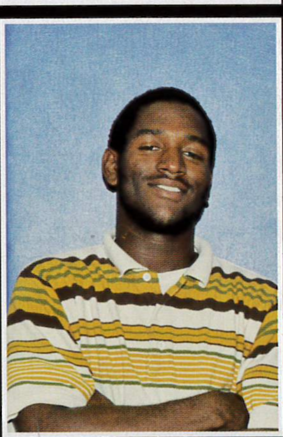
Nickname: Meena
Hometown: Brockport, New York
Favorite Saying/Quote: "If you don't have a smile, I'll give you one of mine."
School Activities: Fall/Winter Cheerleading (3-fall, 4); Winter Dance (3, 4); Peer Health Advocate (4); Jr. National Association of the Deaf (4); Spring Play crew (4)
Future Plans: Go to college!



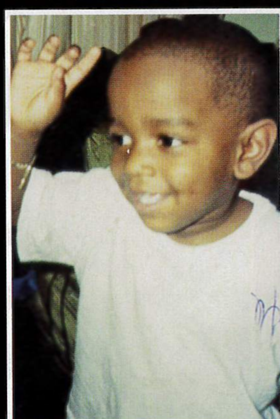
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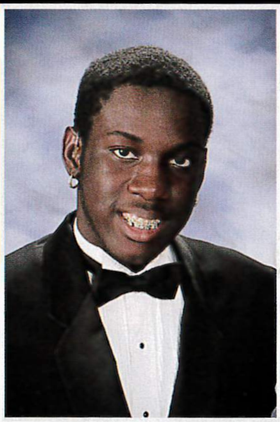
Hometown: Brockport, North Carolina
Favorite Saying/Quote: "You have to love what you do to want to do it every day."
School Activities: Wrestling (3); Track (3); Fall Showcase (4); Winter Dance (4); Cultural Exchange Program (4); Peer Mediator (4); Deaf Teen America 2008 crew (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University!



Cedrick Payne



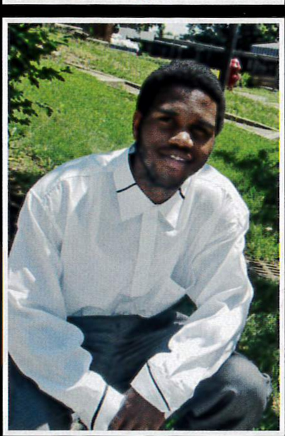
Nickname: Ceddy
Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio
Favorite Saying/Quote: "My life is basketball!"
School Activities: Football (4); Basketball (4)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year and then go to college



Anthony Perry



Nickname: Marley, Tony, Andy
Hometown: Brooklyn, New York
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Whatever, I can't wait!"
School Activities: Men's Volleyball (1); Fall showcase crew (1); Peer Mediator (2); Fall/Winter Cheerleading (4); Baseball (4); Jr. National Association of the Deaf (4)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year, and then go to college



Joseph Richmond

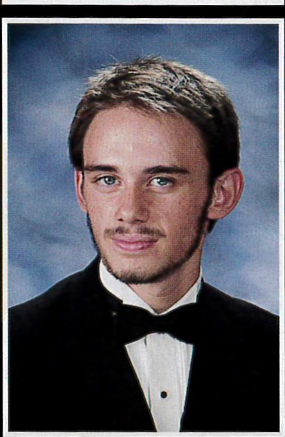
Nickname: JR, Joe, Joey
Hometown: Washington, District of Columbia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "I believe in myself and I can do it!" & "You feel me?"
School Activities: Football (1); Wrestling (1, 2, 3); Track (1); Deaf Teen America 2008 crew (5); Mr./Miss Onyx Pageant (3)
Future Plans: Get started with my life…work!



Joanna Rocha



Nickname: WNBA, Baller, Sporty
Hometown: Orange County, California
Favorite Saying/Quote: "You look like a fool when you quit…try to look at how many mistakes you have made." -Jo Rocha
School Activities: Softball (3); Volleyball (3, 4); Basketball (3, 4); Student Body Government President (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet



Ramnath Shenoy



Nickname: Ram, Rammy
Hometown: Dale City, Virginia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Yeah!"
School Activities: Football (2, 3, 4); Basketball (2, 3); Baseball (2); Prom Committee (3); Graduation Committee (4); Homecoming chairperson (4); MSSD Pageant MC (4); Eagle Zone worker (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet



Benjamin Shields



Nickname: Benji
Hometown: Boothwyn, Pennsylvania
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Stop! I'm innocent."
School Activities: Football (1) manager (2, 3); Powerlifting (2); Blue crew (3, 4); Eagle Zone cashier (4)
Future Plans: Go to NTID!



Tiffany Sivell



Nickname: Tiffani x3, Sparkly Eyes
Hometown: Suffolk, Virginia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Honestly!"
School Activities: Volleyball (3); Softball (3); Yearbook Club (4); Spring Showcase crew (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University!



Pakuna Spady



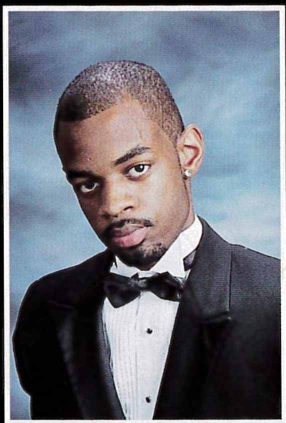
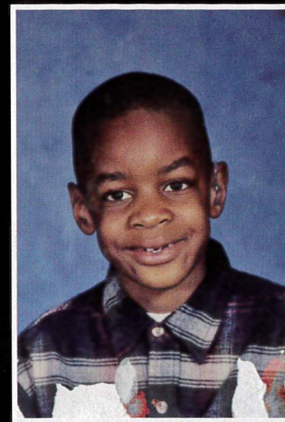
Nickname: Punka
Hometown: Camp Springs, Maryland
Favorite Saying/Quote: "There are things we don't want to happen but have to accept; things we don't want to know but have to learn; and people we don't want to lose but have to let go."
School Activities: Winter Dance (1, 2); Spring Play (1, 2); Fall/Winter Cheerleading (3, 4); Jr. National Association of the Deaf (3); Prom Committee (3); Mr./Miss Deaf Teen America 2008 crew (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University.



Lindsey Spencer



Nickname: Jake
Hometown: Smyrna, Georgia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Yo"
School Activities: Fall Showcase (4); Football (3); Baseball (3)
Future Plans: Stay at MSSD 1 more year, and then go to college

Sylvester Spencer

Nickname: Sly
Hometown: Washington, District of Columbia
Favorite Saying/Quote: "I feel you."
School Activities: Football (1); Basketball (1, 2); Powerlifting (1, 3); Basketball manager (5)
Future Plans: ?




Nicole Starkman

Nickname: Noodle, NN
Hometown: Denver, Colorado
Favorite Saying/Quote: "No secret"; "A smile is key for life"; "A day without laughter is a day wasted."
School Activities: Volleyball (3, 4, 5); Basketball (3, 4, 5); Softball (3, 4, 5); Peer Health Advocate (3); IM Basketball/Captain/Referee (3, 4, 5); Cultural Exchange Program (4); Track (5)
Future Plans: Go to college



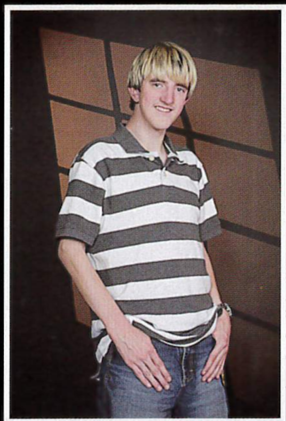

Ariela Stein

Nickname: Ari, Ariz, Zira, Stargirl
Hometown: Stratford, Connecticut
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Live well.. Laugh often.. Love much.."
School Activities: Fall/Winter Cheerleading (1, 2, 3-both, 4-both); Winter Dance (1, 2); Jr. National Association of the Deaf (3); Yearbook (3); Miss MSSD (3); Class Secretary (3); Homecoming Committee (3); Prom Committee (3); Peer Mediator (3, 4); Spring Play (3); Deaf Teen America 2008 MC (4); Eagle Zone cashier (4); Cultural Exchange Program (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University!



Kelvin Suazo

Nickname: Suez
Hometown: Arlington, Virginia
School Activities: Basketball (1, 2, 3, 4); Football (1, 2, 3, 4); Baseball (1, 2)





Drew Sumner

Nickname: Drewster
Hometown: Kensington, Maryland
Favorite Saying/Quote: "What up, Dawg?"
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University and major in microbiology or zoology!





Kelsey Wessman

Nickname: Wolflady, Kel, Kels, Cutie
Hometown: Boise, Idaho
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Peace" "Life consists of wilderness. The most alive is the wildest. Not yet subdued to man, its presence refreshes him." -Henry David Thoreau
School Activities: Softball (2); Tae kwon do (2, 3); Science Project RIT (3); National Honor Society (4); Yearbook (4); Cultural Exchange Program (4); GLOBE Science Project (4)
Future Plans: Go to Lenoir Rhyme College and major in biology or geology!





Heather Willman

Nickname: SweetyBoo, Shorty, Hea
Hometown: Middletown, Ohio
Favorite Saying/Quote: "'R' attack"; "Don't throw at me!"; "Don't argue with me!"; & "Live your life."
School Activities: Volleyball (1, 2, 3, 4); Basketball (1, 2, 3, 4); Softball (1, 2, 3, 4); Powerlifting (1, 3); Eagle Zone (3); Senior Bash Committee (3); Prom Committee (3); Jr. National Association of the Deaf (3, 4); Cultural Exchange Program (4); Senior Trip committee (4); Senior Leadership training (4)
Future Plans: Go to Gallaudet University.





Breanna Wilson

Nickname: Bre
Hometown: Rome, New York
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Life's so RANDOM, So Am I!"
School Activities: Basketball (1, 3); Fall Cheerleading manager (3, 4); Peer Mediator (4); Student Body Government Secretary (4)
Future Plans: Go to NTID!

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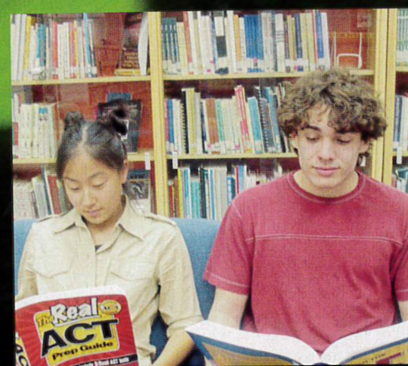
School Girls
Wegahta Aresei &
Lateefah Patterson



Most Athletic
Kenneth Montanez &
Heather Willman



Most Mischievous
Ramnath Shenoy &
Megan Harrison



Most Intelligent
Noel King &
Andrew Ferguson



Most Talented
Shayna Crowell &
Anthony Perry



Most Loyal to Lime & Black
John Martin & Rikki DiMaria



Most Likely to Succeed
Drew Sumner &
Kelsey Wessman



Most Stubborn
Corey Hunt & Oana Hunter

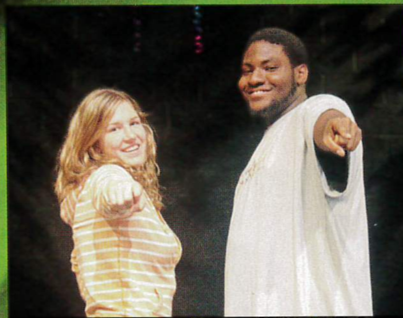


Most Affectionate
Domonic Gordine &
Breanna Wilson



Most Unique
Jake Spencer & Ariela Stein

SUPERLATIVES



Best All Around
Danielle Koplitz & Jahmal Jones



Best Couple
LeAnha Lawson & Michael Halloran



Best Sense of Humor
Laura Akelyte & Sergio Duran



Best Eyes
Tiffany Sivell & Branden McCarter



Drama Queen
Ashley Barber



Class Clown
Benjamin Shields & Ashley Lockard



Best Dancers
Mukanda Kayembe & Ameena Patterson



Most Laidback
Chris Henson & Amelia Duffy



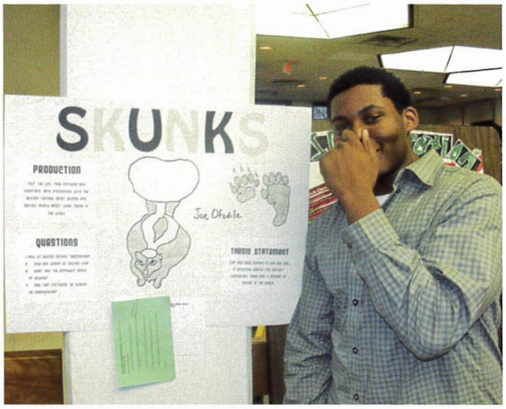
Biggest Flirt
Amy Martin



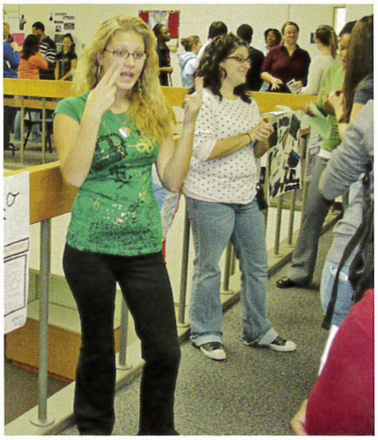
Class Sleepers
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SENIORS' SHOWCASES

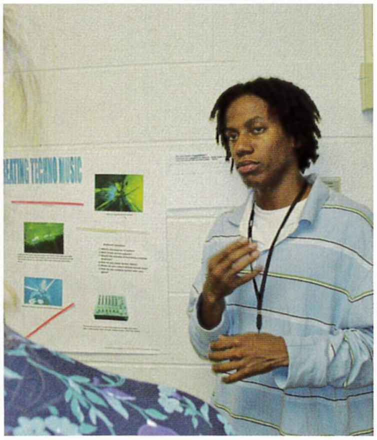




Every year, senior students are required to do a major research project to meet one of their graduation requirements. Senior students have to do a short presentation to explain their topic. After this, they have to do a paper and production on their topic.







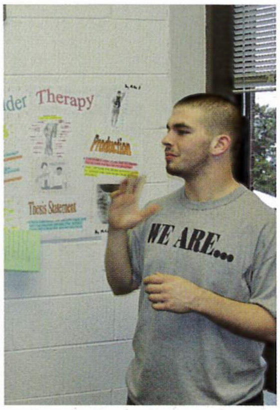










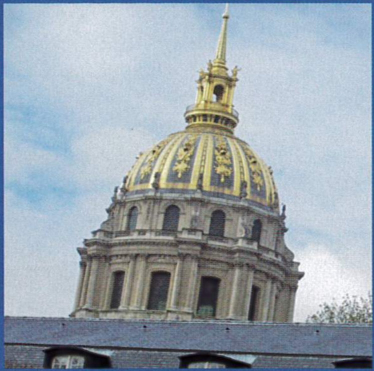


Cultural Exchange Program



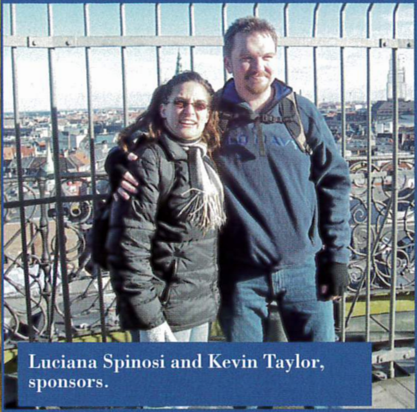


First row: Ariela Stein. Second row, l-r: Rikki DiMaria, Danielle Koplitz, Noel King. Third row, l-r: Lateefah Patterson, Heather Willman. Last row, l-r: Ando Ferguson, Merime Ahmed, LeAnha Lawson, Breanna Wilson, Mike Halloran.









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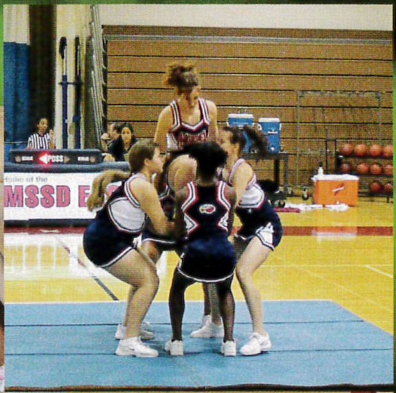






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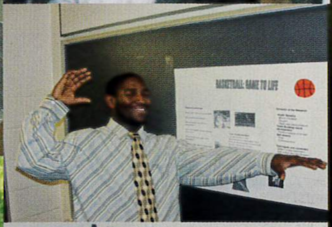



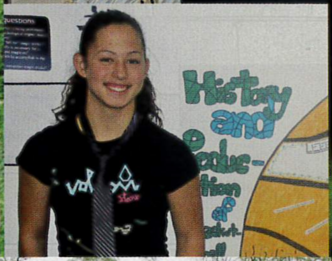


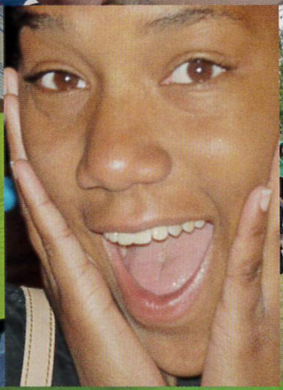







SENIOR WEEK EVENTS

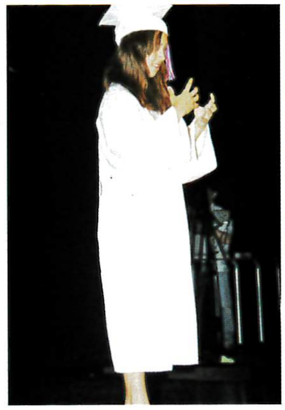
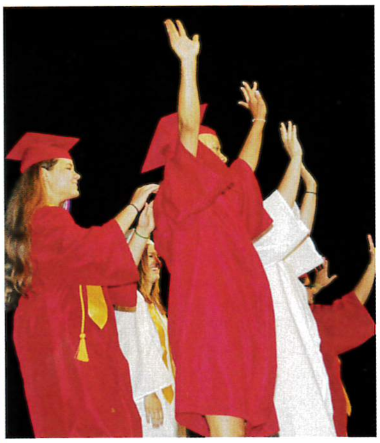


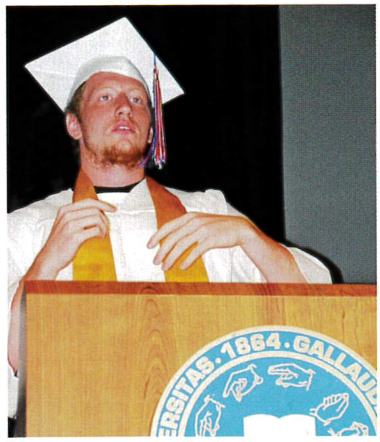
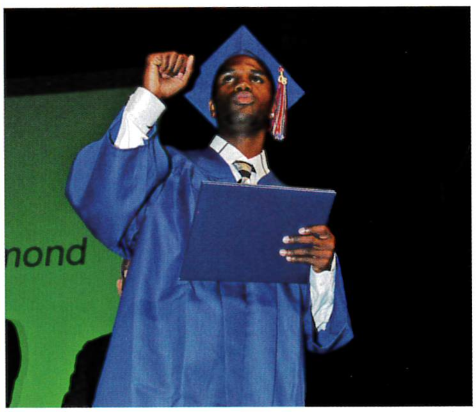
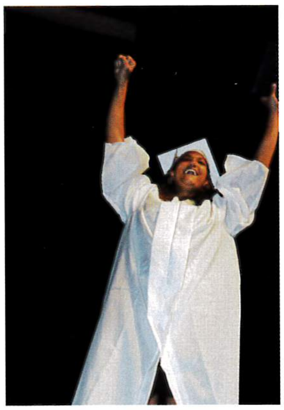
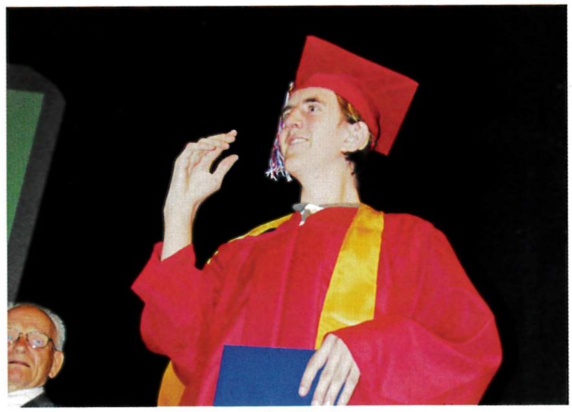
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...JUNE 20, 2008!!!





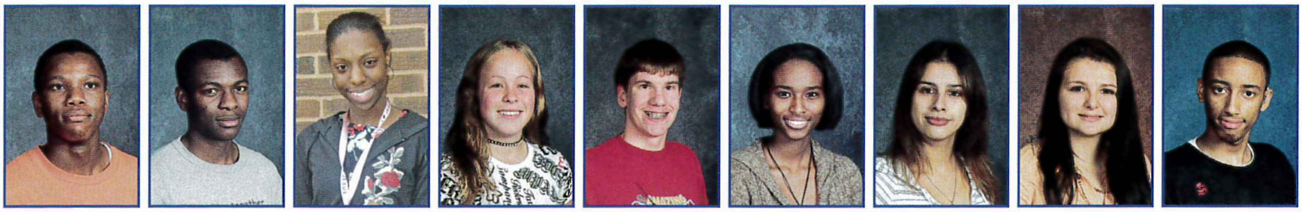

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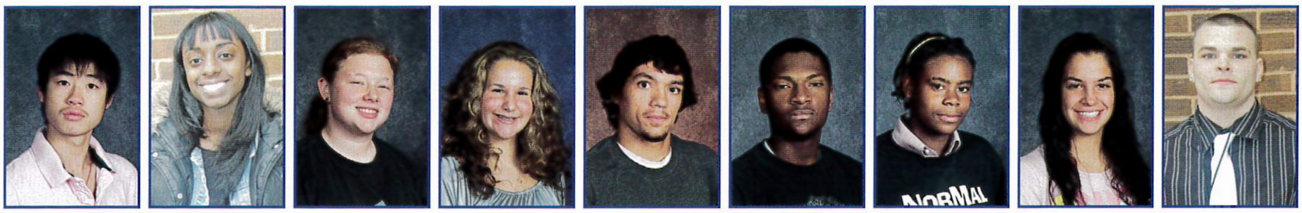
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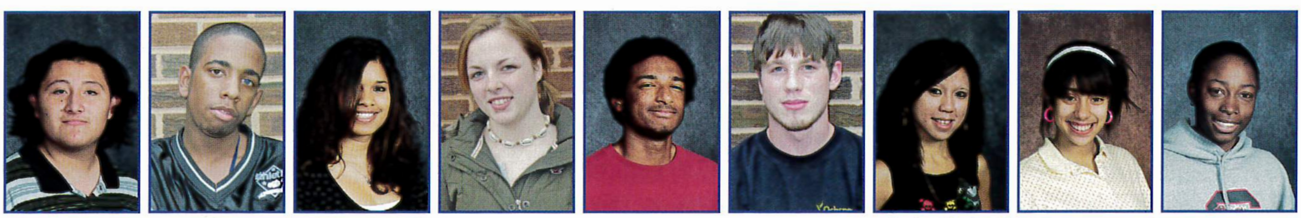
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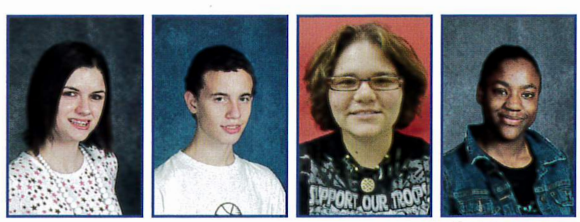
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Miguel Ramos | Anthony Robinson | Hema Saylor | Jessica Schwabe | Datrell Scott | Matthew Scott | Daisy Sering | Ana Shelton | Sylvia Smith



Brittney Stuckert | David Van Boxlaere | Krysten Williams | Antisha Wilson

JUNIORS EVERYWHERE!



L-R: Sara Moore, Vice President; Isabella Kogan, President; Elizabeth McCune, Secretary; Tiffany Narciso, Treasurer; Chris Sewell, sponsor



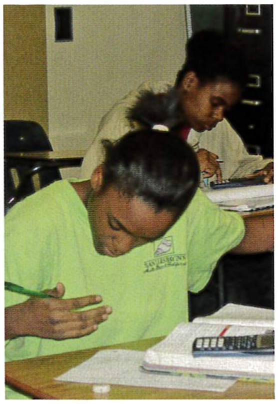










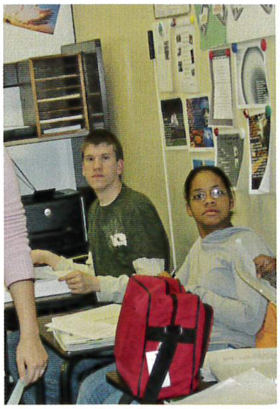




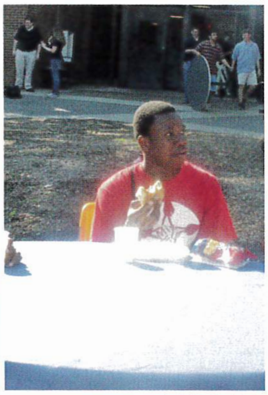


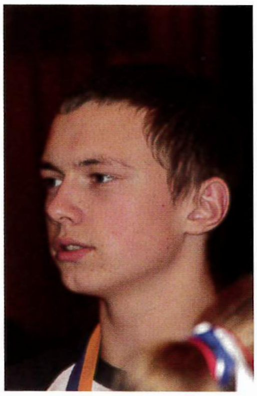




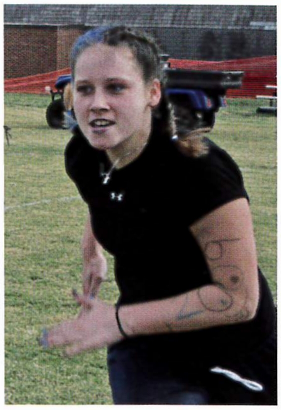


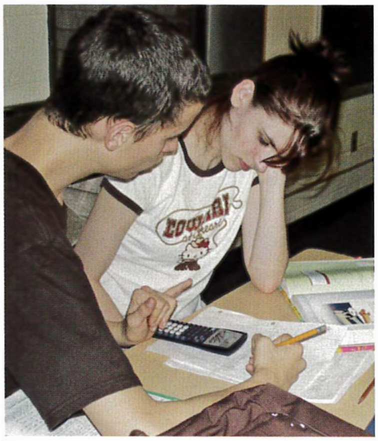
JUNIORS CAUGHT IN ACTION!





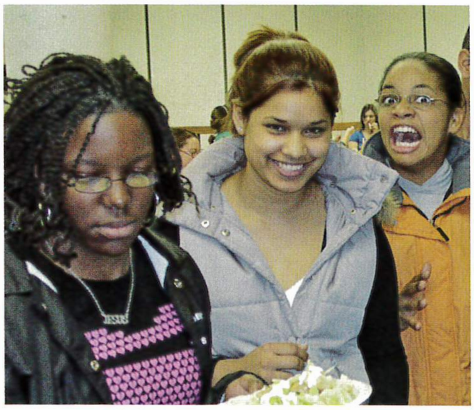










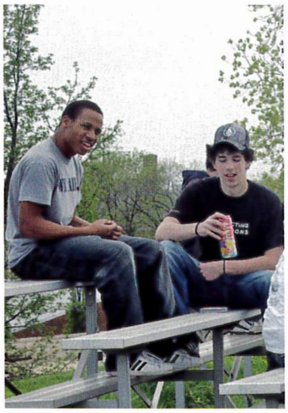










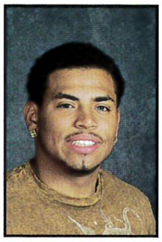


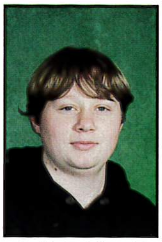


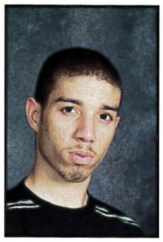
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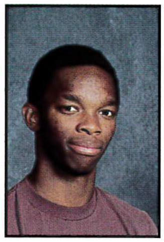

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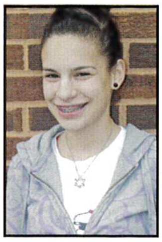

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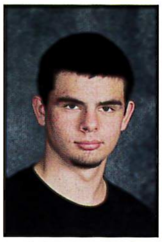

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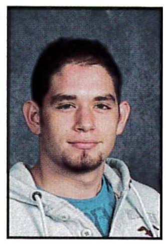

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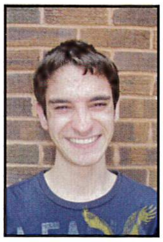

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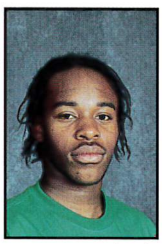

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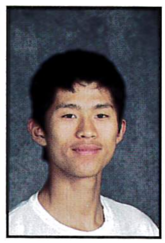

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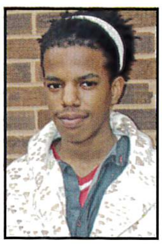

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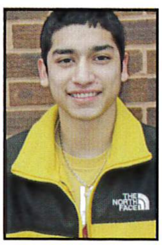

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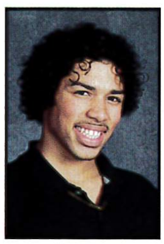

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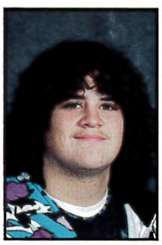

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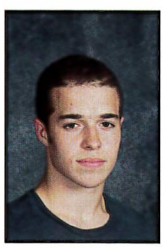

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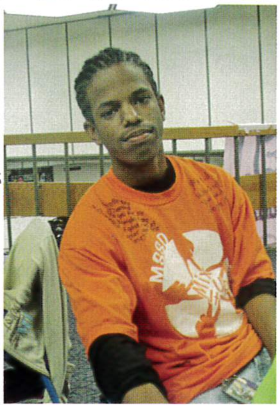

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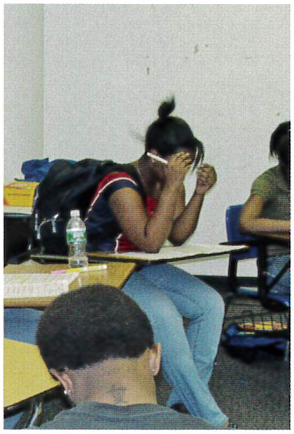


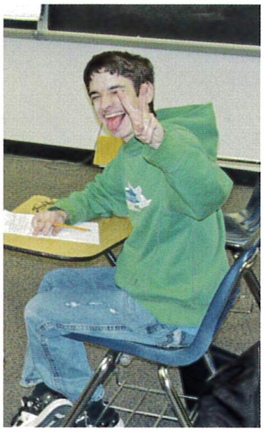
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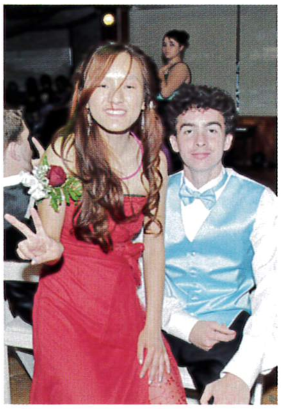




















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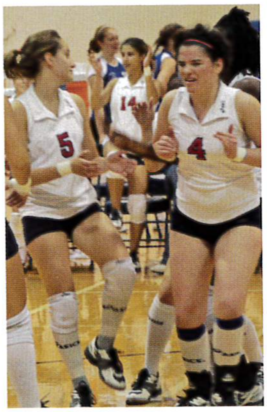


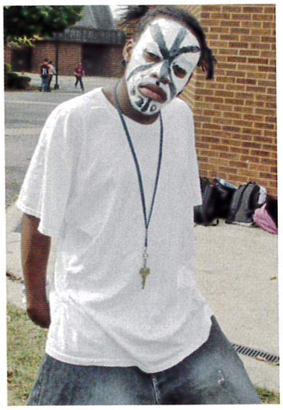












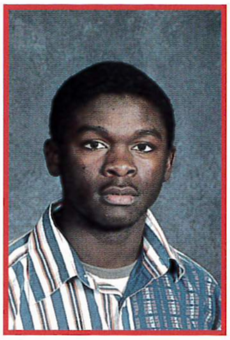








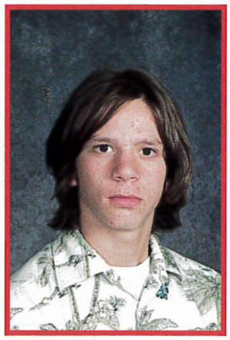
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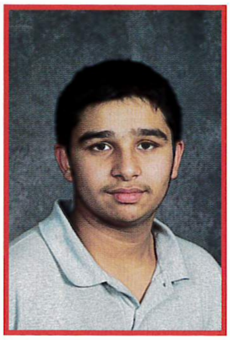

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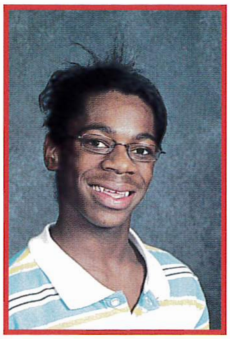

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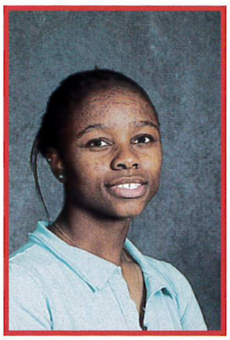

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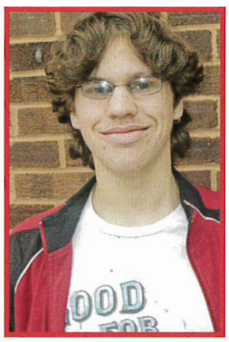

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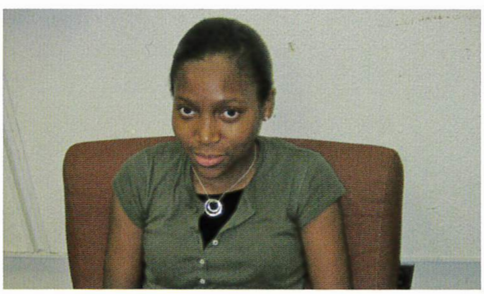

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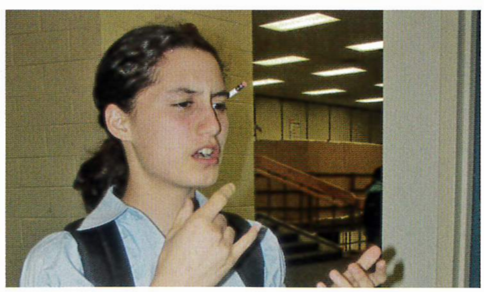

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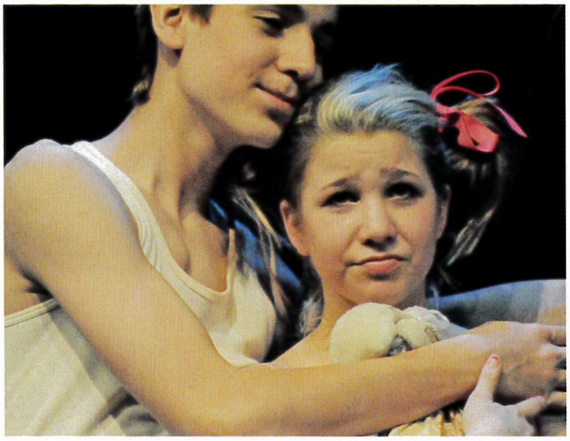
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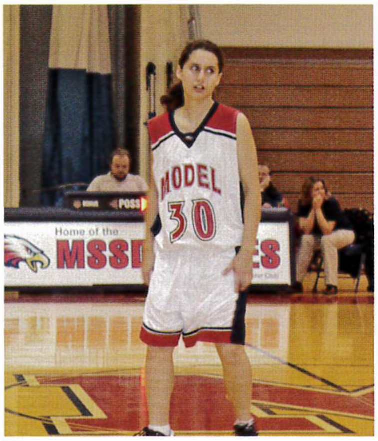


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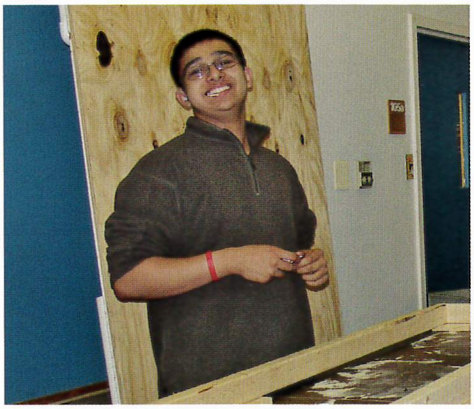












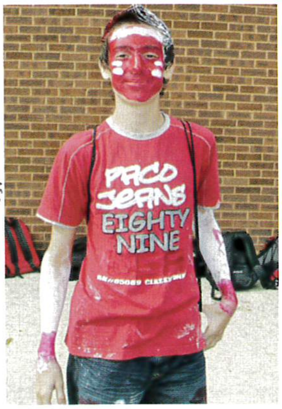


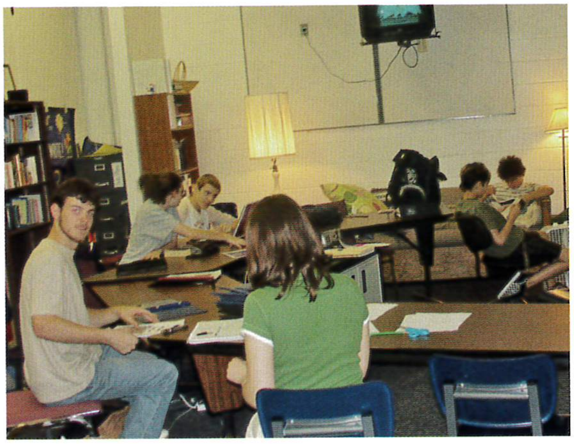




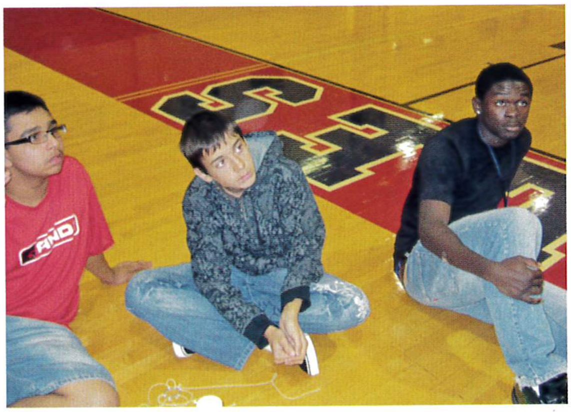
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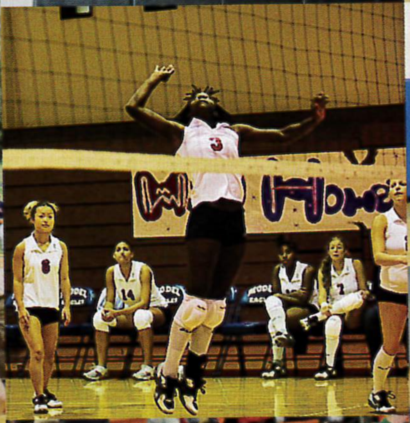




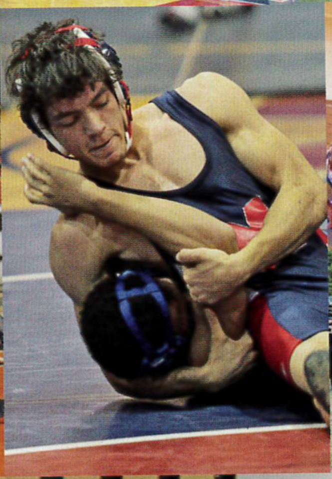


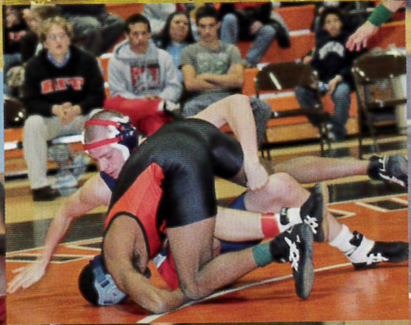


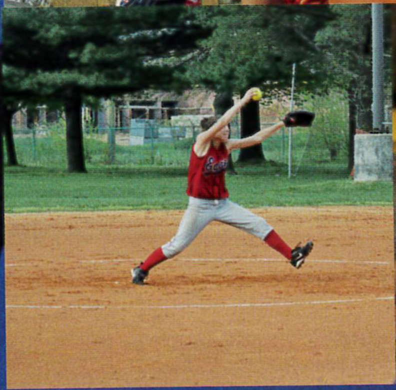
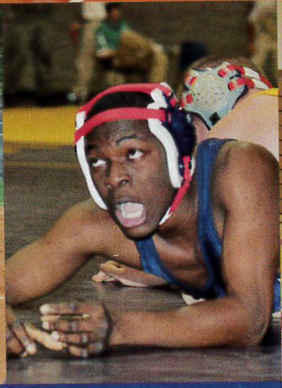








VARSITY FOOTBALL



Front row, l-r: Cedrick Payne, Sean Harden, Kelvin Suazo, Ken Montanez, Ryan Hastings, Mike Halloran, Johnny Bingham, Joe Ofodile, Ram Shenoy, Jahmal Jones, Corey Hunt

Middle row, l-r: Manager Ashley Lockard, Michael Stamper, Craig Goodman, Xian Huang, Ricardo Smolik, Tim Martin, Jack Green, Datrell Scott, John Hagner, Brandon Williams, Philip Lambert, Thomas Francis, Vianney Boum Yamb, Joumal Llanos, athletic trainer Megan Priddy

Back row, l-r: Andrew Daly, Chris Henson, Andrew Ferguson, assistant coach Travis MacFadden, assistant coach Darren Brecheen, head coach Bob Miller, assistant coach John Moore, assistant coach Bobby Polstra, Roy Lunsford, Anthony Cyrus, John O'Connor



Best Newcomer: Cedrick Payne

Unsung Hero: Mike Halloran

Most Outstanding Player: Sean Harden

Record 2-7

Maret
L 14-15
Massanutten Military
L 6-30
Potomac
L 20-40
Hyde
L 22-30
Central Virginia
L 0-36
Word of Life
W 32-28
Alabama SD
W 6-0
Florida SD (Homecoming)
L 8-38
Maryland School for the Deaf
L 0-60









JV BASKETBALL/JV FOOTBALL



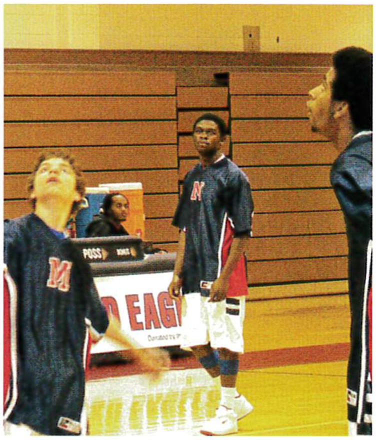


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Back row, l-r: Xian Huang, Joumal Llanos, Tony Robinson, Craig Goodman, Tim Martin
Front row, l-r: Byron Bell, Vianney Boum Yamb, Mike Stamper.
Absent: Head coach Bob Steele



<u>Junior Varsity Boys Basketball</u>
Most Improved Player: Anthony Robinson
Coaches' Award: Tim Martin

<u>Junior Varsity Football</u>
Best Newcomer: Vianney Boum Yamb
Unsung Hero: Tim Martin









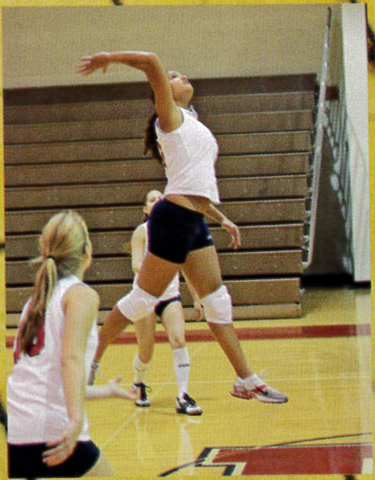


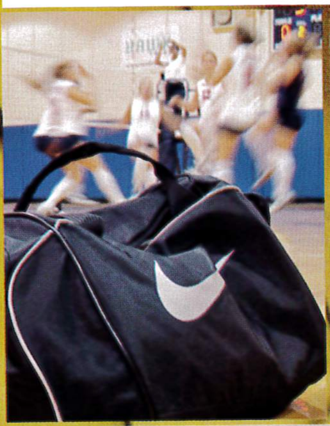
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Covenant Community School
T 0-0
Fredericksburg Tune-up
L 2-3
Sidwell Friends
L 0-3
Georgetown Visitation
L 1-2
Stone Ridge
L 2-3
Spike Out at Texas -7th place
L 1-4
Flint Hill
L 0-3
Episcopal School
W 3-0
Maret School
L 0-3
St Agnes
W 4-2
Model Invitational
L 1-3
Foxcroft School
L 0-3
St Andrew's
W 3-0
Georgetown Day
L 1-3
Maryland School for the Deaf
L 0-3
Holton Arms School
L 2-3
National Cathedral School
W 3-2
Madeira School
L 0-3
ISL Quarterfinals
L 0-3



Standing: Emily Macedo, Ashley Barber, assistant coach Niesha Washington, Nicole Starkman, head coach Laurie Anderson, Joanna Rocha, and Amy Martin. Kneeling: Renee Glanville, Carolina Kohn, Tiffany Narciso, and Johanna Arrigo. Sitting: manager Giselle Herrera.















Most Dedicated Player
Johanna Arrigo
Most Improved Player
Carolina Kohn
Coaches' Award
Jo Rocha

RECORD: 5-14



JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Covenant Community School
L 1-2
Sidwell Friends
L 0-2
Georgetown Visitation
L 0-2
Stone Ridge
L 0-2
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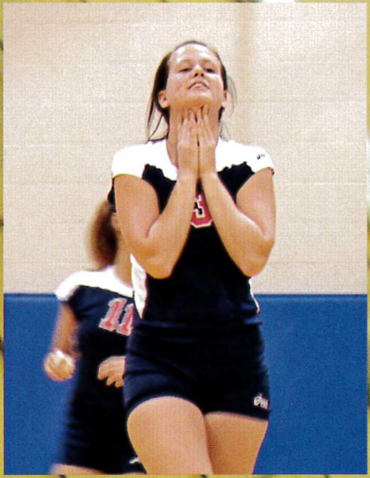


Back row: assistant coach Niesha Washington, Tiffany VanBoxlaere, Stephanie Vazquez, manager Giselle Herrera, Karina Martin, Elizabeth McCune, and head coach Raymonda Azrelyant.
Middle row: Lark McNamara, Rosa Bonilla, and Kevina Kerchner.
Front row: manager Peyton Scott.















Most Dedicated Player-Stephanie Vazquez

Most Outstanding Player-Kevina Kerchner

RECORD: 1-14







FALL CHEERLEADING



Back row left-right: Danielle Koplitz, Laura Akelyte, Anthony Perry, Pakuna Spady, Jennifer Marfino and Head Coach Vicki Bond.
Middle row, left-right: Isabella Kogan, LeAnha Lawson and Amelia Duffy.
Front row, left-right: Ameena Patterson and Ariela Stein.





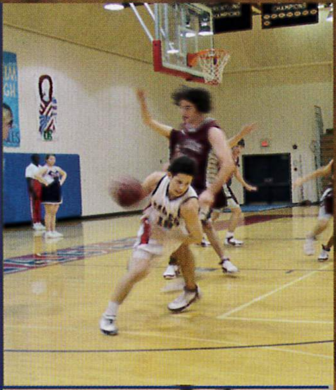
Most Improved Cheerleader
Isabella Kogan
Outstanding Enthusiasm
Anthony Perry
Outstanding Leadership
Ariela Stein

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL



L-R: Assistant coach Chuck Rubisch, Sylvester Spencer, Cedrick Payne, Jason Marple, Joshua Sandoval, Datrell Scott, Anthony Palmer, Joe Ofodile, Johnny Bingham, Sean Harden, Xian Huang, Tim Martin, Ryan Ong, Head Coach Sam Weber.













St. Anselm's	L 42 - 62	Washington Waldorf	L 47 - 53
Washington Int'l School	L 43 - 53	Northern Virginia Christian Academy	W 53 - 33
Quantico High School	W 61 - 44	Quantico High School	W 49 - 47
Maret School	L 52 - 63	St. Andrew's	L 51 - 64
Lexington School f/t Deaf	W 67 - 54	Maryland S. D.	L 45 - 62
Jericho Christian Academy	L 45 - 75	Seton School	L 60 - 68
Word of Life Academy	L 58 - 84	Grace Brethren Academy	L 58 - 67
Poolesville High School	L 31 - 64	Hyde School	L 69 - 78
Maryland S. D.	L 60 - 91	Georgetown Day	L 56 - 73
St. Mary's	L 44 - 78	Capitol Christian	L 81 - 90
Priory - St. Anslem's	W 56 - 49	California S. D. - Fremont	W 58 - 57
Seton School	L 48 - 82	Maryland S. D.	L 55 - 69
St. Anslem's	L 35 - 72	Minnesota S. D.	W 50 - 38

Most Improved Player:
Cedrick Payne
Coaches' Award:
Tim Martin

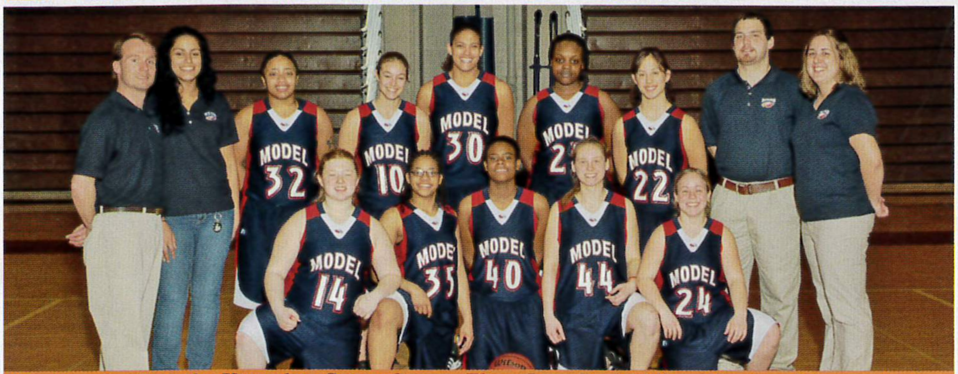
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VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL









Kneeling: l-r. Jennifer Kittredge, Cierra Cotton, Eboni Love-Peel, Tiffany Narciso, Johanna Arrigo. Standing: l-r. Steve Maloney, Giselle Herrera, manager; Ashley Lockard, Heather Willman, Nicole Starkman, Yolanda Cooper, Joanna Rocha, Peter Badavas, assistant coach; Amy Mowl, head coach.

Hyde School L 33-34, Word of Life Academy W 49-40, Holton Arms School L 27-50, Potomac School L 29-60, Georgetown Day L 26-62, Maryland School for the Deaf L 29-50, St. Agnes L 25-59, St. Andrew's L 25-66, Maret School L 33-47, Madeira School L 51-61, Holton School L 26-65, Foxcroft School W 58-42, Kansas S.D. W 58-17, Clerc Classic VIII @ Minnesota L 33-57, Clerc Classic VIII @ Minnesota L 32-33, St. Andrew's L 33-47, Potomac School L 28-48, Washington Int'l School L 31-43, Georgetown Day L 45-67, St. Agnes L 31-54, Rhode Island S.D. W 61-31, The Learning Center L 43-52, Maret School 45-70, Foxcroft School L 38-46, Madeira School W 39-34, ISL Play-in game vs Foxcoft W 54-38, ISL Quarterfinals-at Holton Arms L 44-60

Varsity Girls Basketball Awards:
Johanna Arrigo: Unsung Hero, Tiffany Narciso: Most Decicated Player, Jo Rocha: Most Outstanding Player.
Record: 6-21













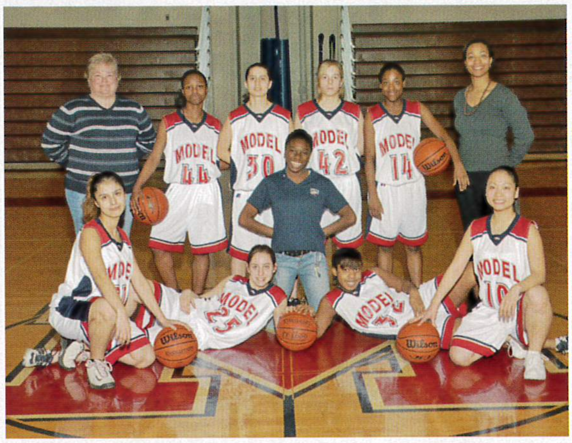
JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL











Standing, l-r: Assistant coach Beth Hortie, Malika Spivey, Alexandria Carter, Stephanie Vazquez, Antisha Wilson, head coach Niesha Washington.
Kneeling, l-r: Rosa Bonilla, manager Natacha Pericles, MeiLi Robbins.
Lying, l-r: Carolina Kohn, Renee Glanville.

Holton School L 5-43, Potomac School L 5-49, Georgetown Day L 19-37, Maryland School for the Deaf L 15-32, St. Agnes L 21-43, St. Andrew's L 15-48, Maret School L 12-30, Madeira School L 21-42, Holton Arms School L 13-33, Foxcroft L 15-40, St. Andrew's L 31-50, Potomac School L 11-44, Georgetown Day L 15-34, St. Agnes 12-32, Maret School L 15-38, Foxcroft School L 20-43, Madeira School L 13-48.

Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Awards:
MeiLi Robbins- Most Improved Player
Renee Glanville- Most Valuable Player
Record: 0-17





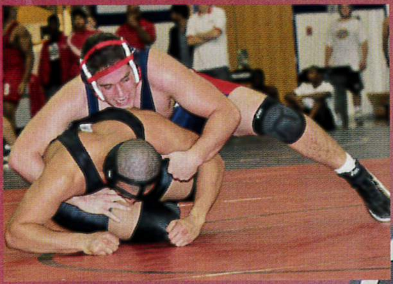






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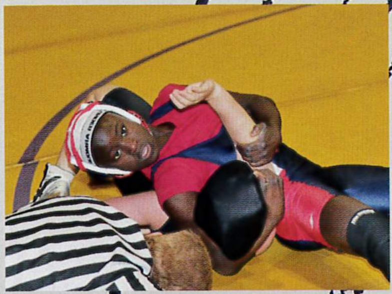
A WINNING SEASON!













Back row, l-r: assistant coach Jonathan Kessel, assistant coach Tairbek Tabolov, Tobe Amasiatu, Andrew Daly, Miracle Amasiatu, Ryan Hastings, Ken Montanez, John Hagner, Jahmal Jones, head coach Thad Ferguson, assistant to coach Jolynn Ferguson. Middle row, l-r: Oliver Lee, Lark McNamara, Denise Acquah, Thomas Francis, Neal Matthews, Philip Lambert, Ando Ferguson. Front row, l-r: DC Classic 3rd place, Masnutten Tourney Champions, ESDAA Open Wrestling Invitational Champions!!!

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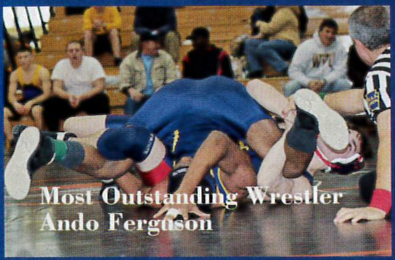


Coaches' Award
Thomas Francis



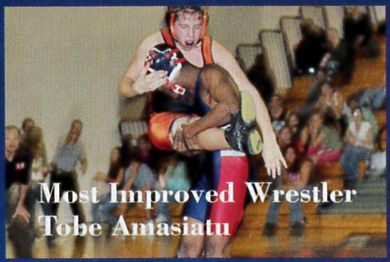






Most Outstanding Wrestler
Ando Ferguson



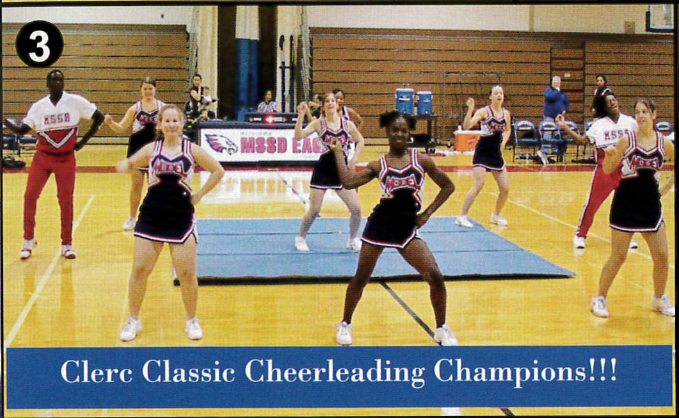


Most Improved Wrestler
Tobe Amasiatu

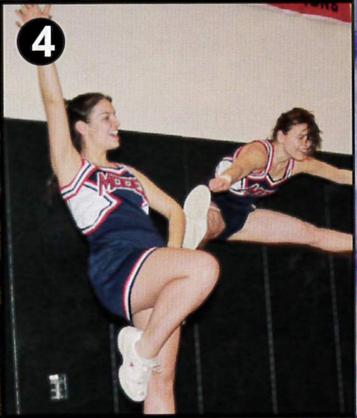
WINTER CHEERLEADING







Clerc Classic Cheerleading Champions!!!









1 ***That's the spirit!***

2 ***Gorgeous smiles, y'all!***

3 ***Oh yea, yeah, yea!***

4 ***Go Eagles Go!***

5 **Back row: Head Coach Vicki Bond, Jennifer Marfino, Isabella Kogan, Pakuna Spady, LeAnha Lawson, Laura Akelyte and Manager Noel King. Front row: Adrian Saylor, Danielle Koplitz, Ariela Stein, Ameena Patterson and Anthony Perry.**

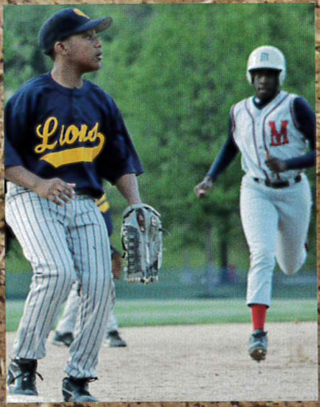
6 **Outstanding Service**
Noel King

Most Improved Cheerleader
Danielle Koplitz

Perseverance
Ameena Patterson

7 ***Doing karate instead?***

Baseball





Back row, l-r: Manager Jennifer Marfino, Head Coach David Rice, Jacob Fassett, Datrell Scott, Ryan Hastings, Alyk Dubsky, Anthony Perry, Corey Hunt, Johnny Bingham, manager John Hagner, assistant coach Mark Burke, manager Jenny Kittredge.
Front row, l-r: Thomas Francis, Kenneth Montanez, Tim Martin.







Quantico
L 7-9
Bell
W 18-15
Grace Brethren
W 15-0
Md. SD-DH
W 9-7
L 2-10
Queen Anne
W 24-1
Hoy Tournament @ Md. SD
Riverside
L 1-8
Fremont
L 0-14
Maryland
L 9-10
Indiana
L 5-9
Queen Anne
W 22-1

Most Improved Player
Jacob Fassett

Coaches' Award
Thomas Francis

Most Valuable Player
Ryan Hastings

Record: 6-8









Most Improved Player
Elizabeth McCune

Coaches' Award
Capria Hickman

Golden Glove Award
Johanna Arrigo

Record: 5-16

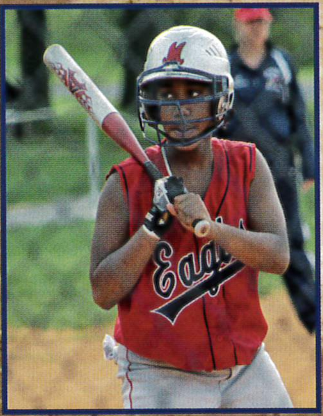
SOFTBALL



Potomac School
L 12 - 22
St. Agnes
L 0 - 20
Sidwell Friends
L 0 - 21
Quantico High School-Doubleheader
W 16 - 2
Quantico High School- DH Game 2
W 14 - 2
St. Andrew's
W 24 - 10
Maryland School f/t Deaf - Doubleheader
L 2 - 11
Maryland School f/t Deaf - DH Game 2
L 0 - 8
Episcopal School
L 9 - 22
Hoy Tournament @ Maryland- Game 1 Day
Maryland L 4-13
Fremont W 10-7
Texas L 2-12
Hoy Tournament @ Maryland- Game 2 Day
Texas L 4-9
Fremont L 5-10
Holton Arms School
L 4 - 14
ISL Quarterfinals Georgetown Day
L 3 - 19







Front row, l-r: Rikki DiMaria, Noel King and Heather Willman.
Middle row, l-r: Rosa Bonilla, Jessica Schwabe, Johanna Arrigo, Capria Hickman, Carolina Kohn and Tiffany VanBoxlaere.
Back row, l-r: Head Coach Jessica Mikolay, Cierra Cotton, Renee Glanville, Tiffany Narciso, Elizabeth McCune, Sophia Patrick, Assistant Coach Lauren Huseby, and Assistant Coach Angela Gallegos.







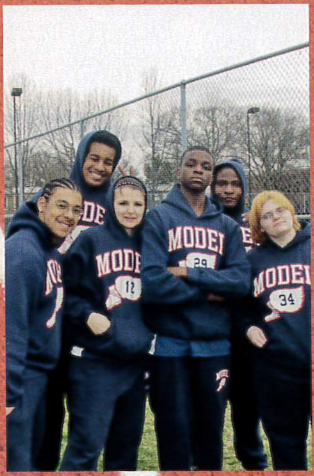
TRACK AND FIELD



Front row, l-r: Camille Mitchell, Ashley Jeremie, Tarrah Musgrove, Ashley Barber, Adrian Saylor, Craig Goodman.
Middle row, l-r: Ashley Byrnes, Laquita Carroll, Wegahta Aresei, LeAnha Lawson, assistant coach Doug Bortoletto, assistant coach Niesha Washington, head coach Kari Olney, assistant coach Robert Haney, Marquita Whitfield, Tony Robinson.
Back row, l-r: Philip Lambert, Vianney Yamb, Tobe Amasiatu.















Girls' Track Team: USA Deaf Track and Field's TEAM OF THE YEAR!!!

POUNDING THE PAVEMENT!

Boys Track & Field Awards:
Coaches' Award
Jahmal Jones
Most Valuable Fielder
Joshua Sandoval
Most Valuable Runner
Vianney Yamb



Girls Track & Field Awards:
Coaches' Award
Wegahta Aresei
Most Valuable Fielder
Ashley Jeremie
Most Valuable Runner
Tarrah Musgrove





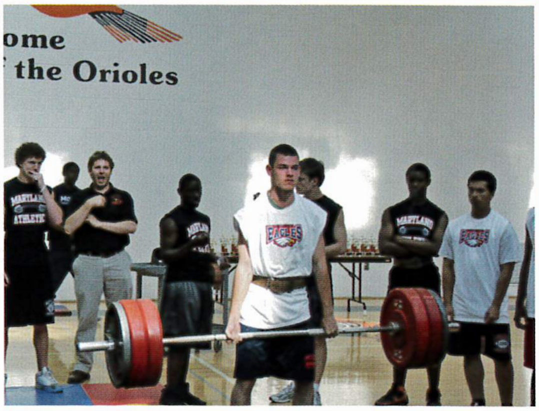


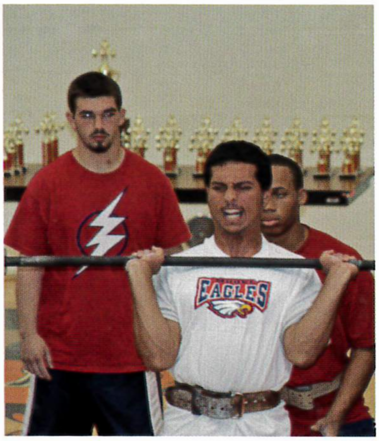


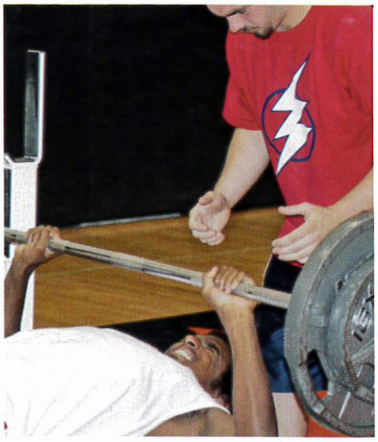
Head Coach Kari Olney: With Denise Acquah, Wegahta Aresei, Ashley Barber, Tarrah Musgrove, LeAnha Lawson, Lateefah Patterson and Ana Shelton returning this year, we had a good season with girls earning the **championship for the Berg-Seeger tournament** against 8 deaf schools and earned lots of victories. The girls' 4x200m relay team (Denise, Ashley B, Ashley J, and Ameena) also thrillingly broke the school record with 1:52.97. Although we have many girls who will graduate this year, we also have some young girls with potential to keep the team strong next year. The boys also did well after the spring break,, which also earned us a lot of victories. We had several strong men on the team and hopefully they will do a lot better next year.

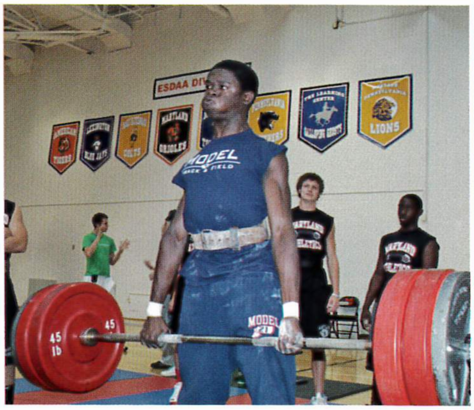
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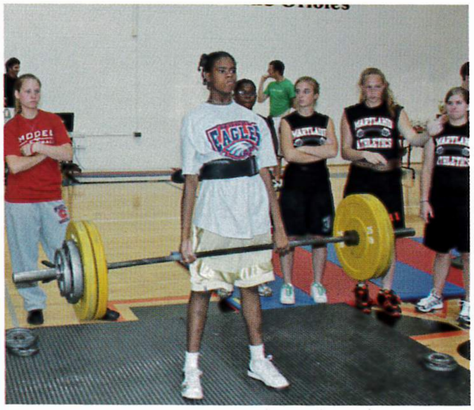
Most Outstanding Lifter- Lightweight
Johanna Arrigo
Most Outstanding Lifter- Heavyweight
Ashley Lockard
Most Outstanding Lifter- Lightweight
Thomas Francis
Most Outstanding Lifter- Heavyweight
Sean Harden

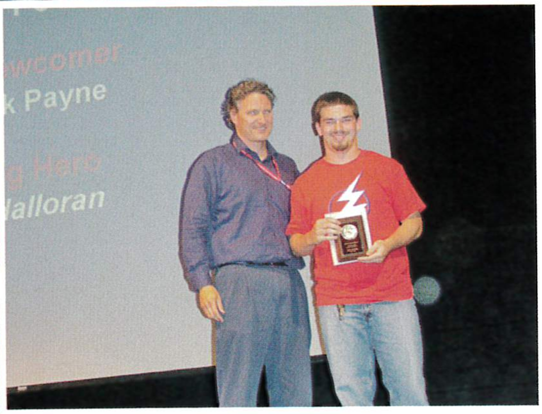


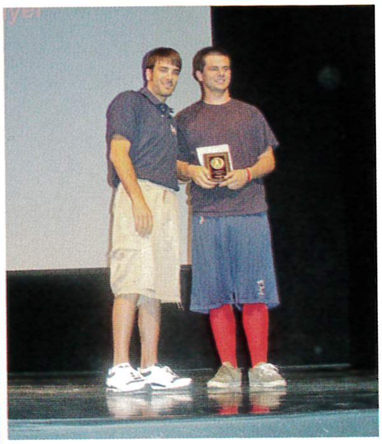


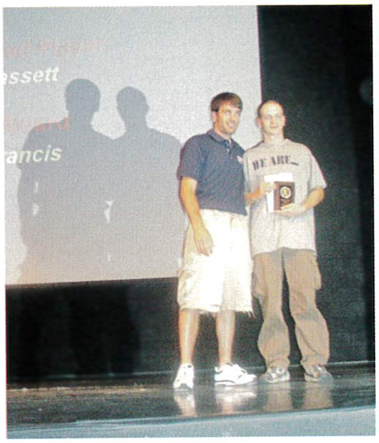






SPORTS BANQUET



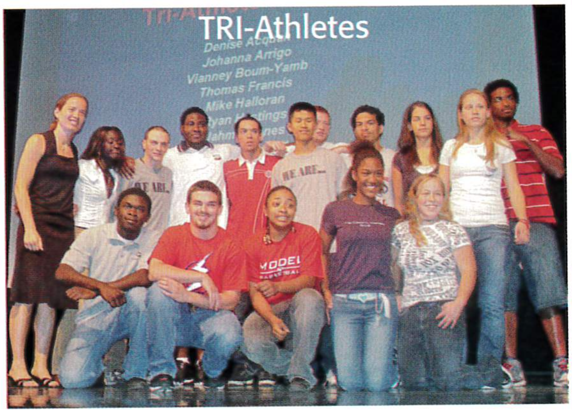





Manager of the Year
Noel King
Rookie of the Year
Vianney Boum-Yamb
Unsung Hero
Thomas Francis
Athlete of the Year-Boys
Ando Ferguson
Athlete of the Year-Girls
Jo Rocha

Fan of the Year
Michelle VonBoxLaere
Golden Eagles Award-Boys
Mike Halloran
Golden Eagles Award-Girls
LeAnha Lawson

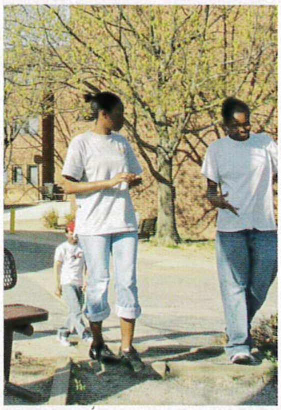
Special Award Presented to
Mr. Michael Weinstock
In Recognition & Sincere Appreciation
of 25 Years of Distinguished Service

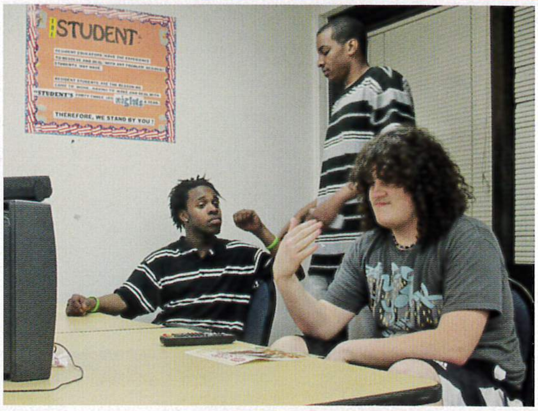


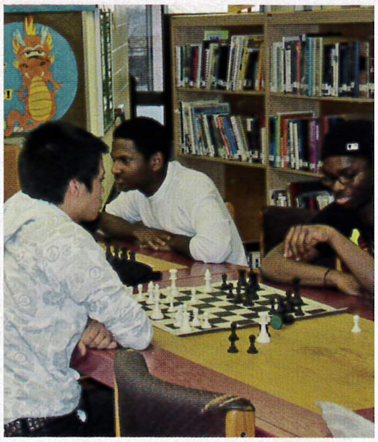
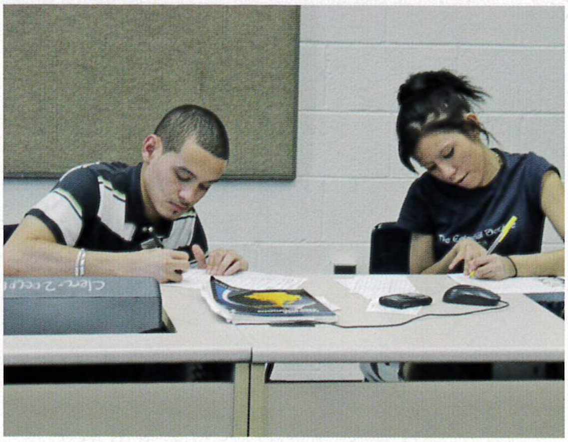




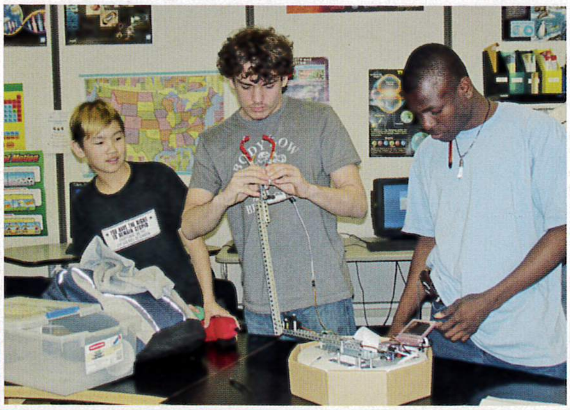
Live!...Love!...Laugh!

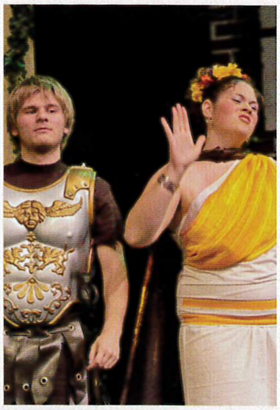




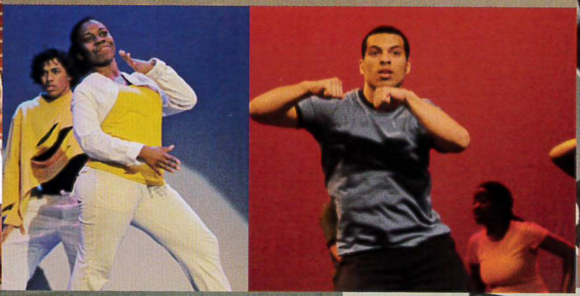







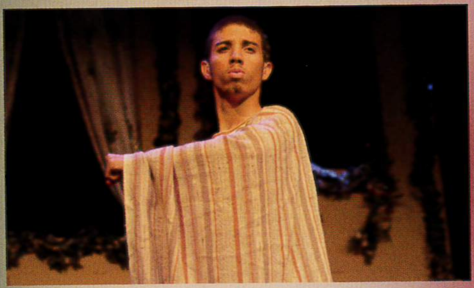
LOOK AT US!



"A FUNNY THING HAPPENED...

You'd better buy this cloth...or else!!!



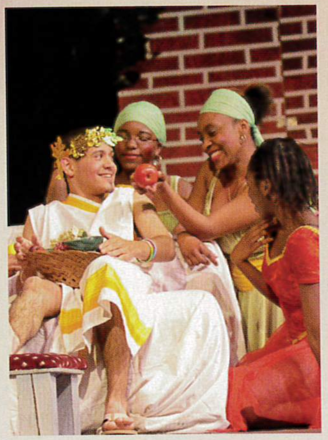




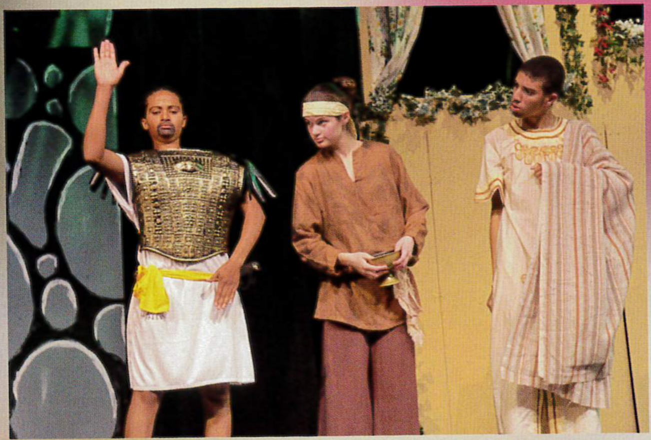
Yes, my hands are super-glued to my armpits!



Wow! Who's that?!



Plastic food DOES have nutritional value!



Raise your hand if you're sure!



Is Sara okay? We're all very concerned!

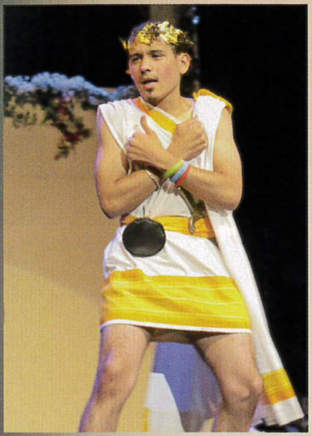
ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM"



Ah, we're happily skipping our way home!

Shayna, we didn't know you had a thing for Ormar! :)

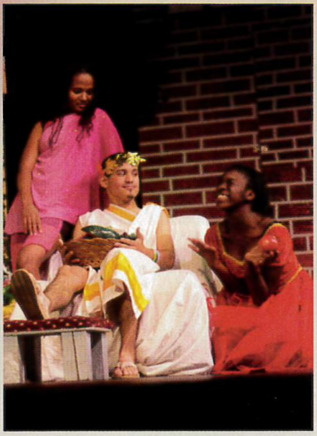




Sergio is madly in love with... MeiLi! Wait, what happened to Daisy? We're confused! :)



Yes, that's right! You all listen to me and follow my orders! Finally I've got the power!



Oh, please!!! Pick me, pick me, pick me!!

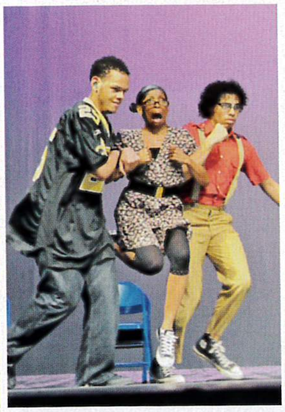


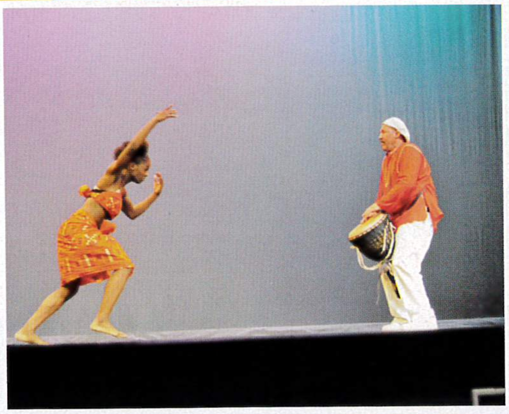
Hello! We are here and we are the queens!

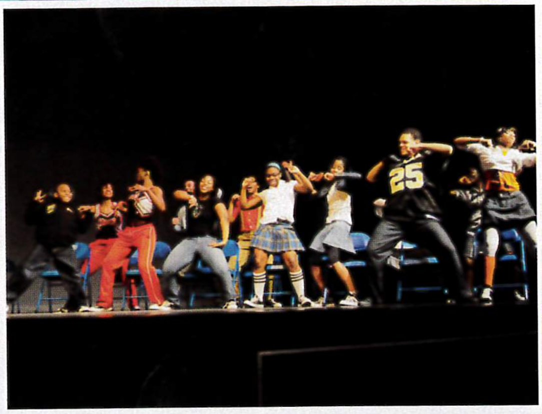


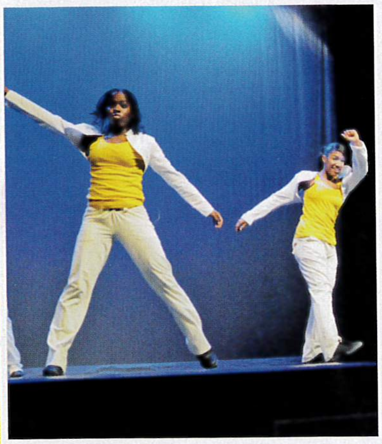
Come here, laugh on my shoulder.

WINTER





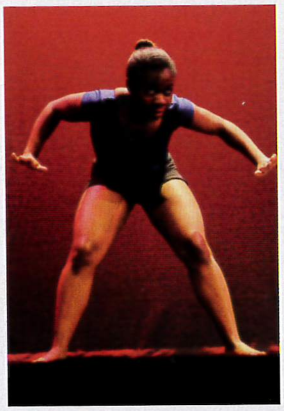




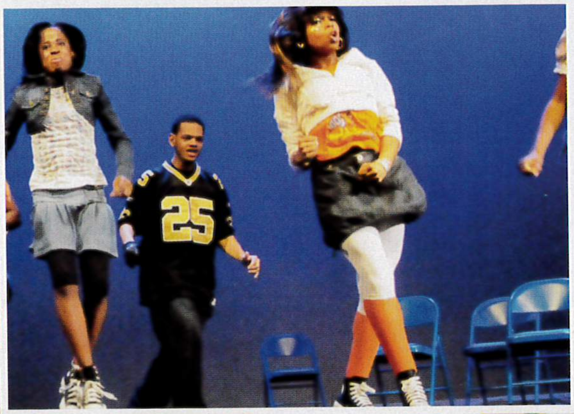




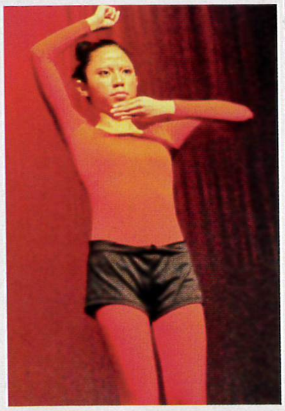




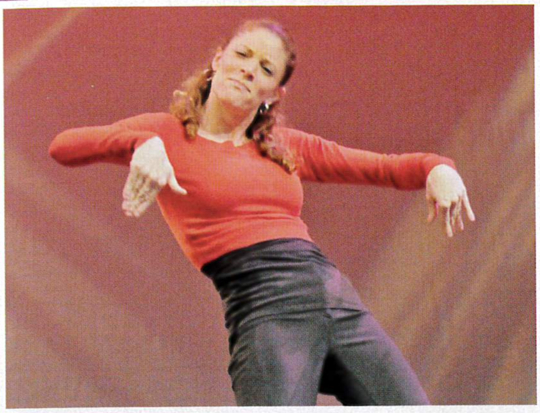


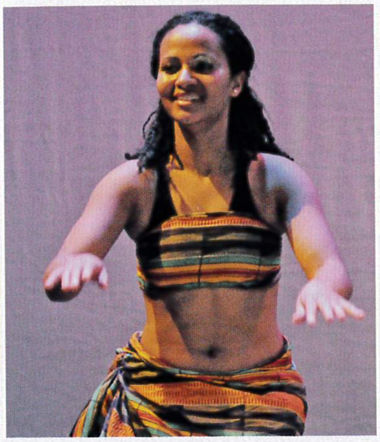
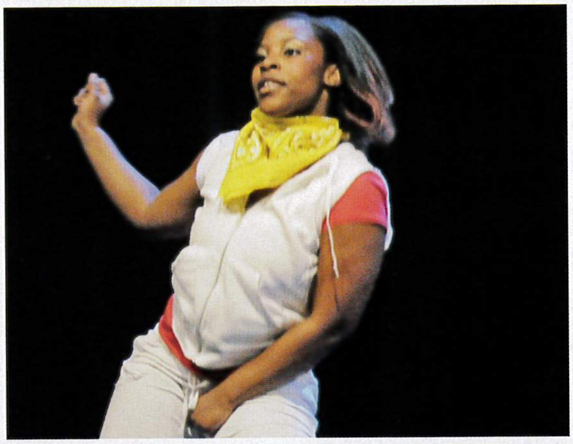
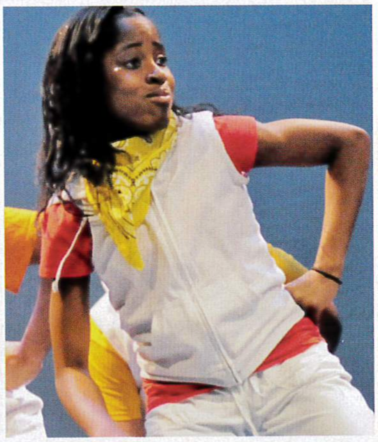




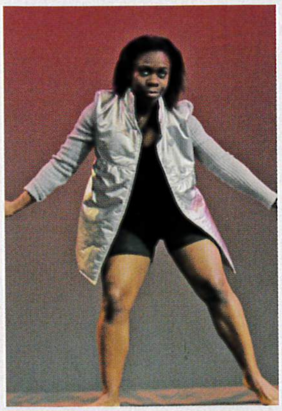


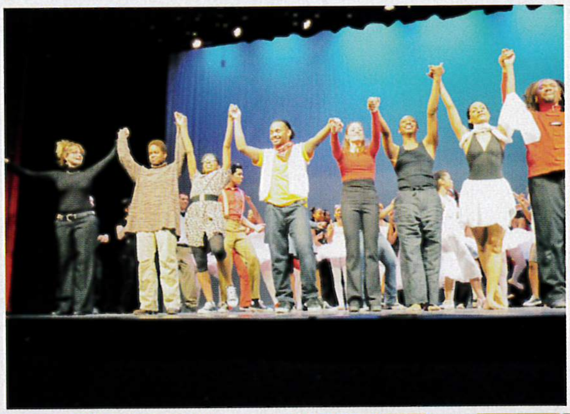
DANCE



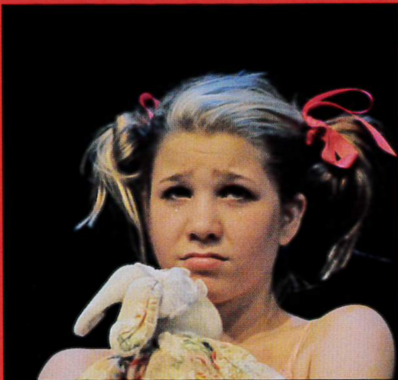









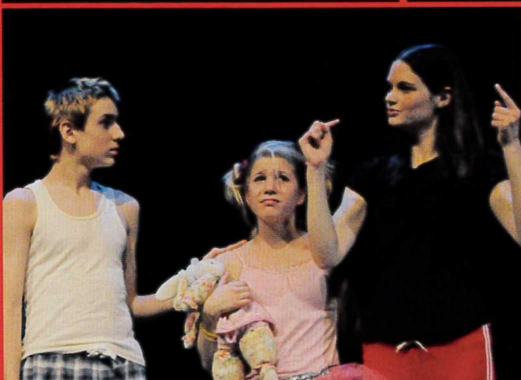


EMILY


Ah! I am scared of the ghosts in my room!

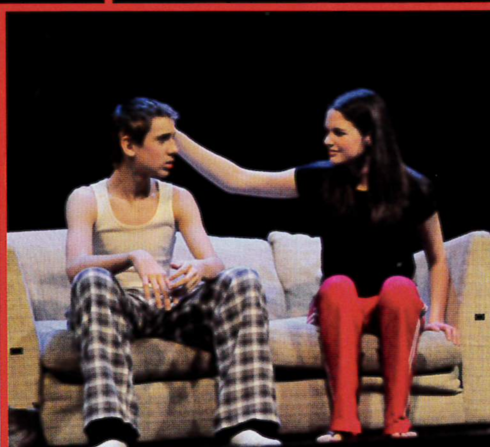

Now, now...who gave me a make-believe police car?


Umm...red flowers or white? Oh the agony of making a decision!!

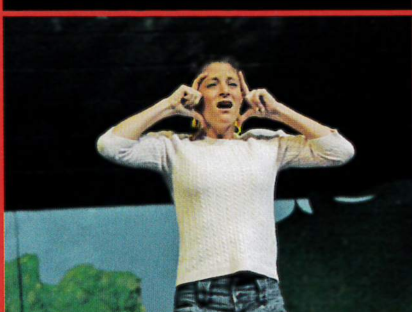

What do you mean, I can't sleep with my teddy bear?!


EEK! I'm falling!


Gasp What do you mean???


You really look good in plaid, Roman. Don't worry!

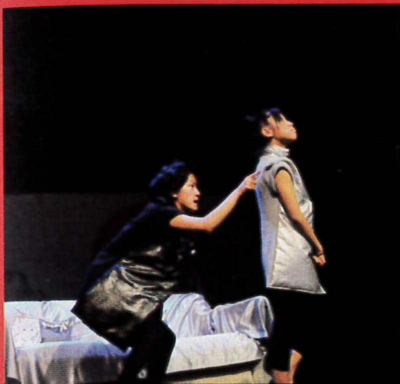

Nooooo! *SOBBING* I want to wear my tutu!!!


Oh my goodness! Am I RED-faced?!


I want to play video games!!!!


Chill, people... y'all wait your turn...

ROBINSON


Yes, of course, silver-colored clothes are IN! You are not my friend anymore!

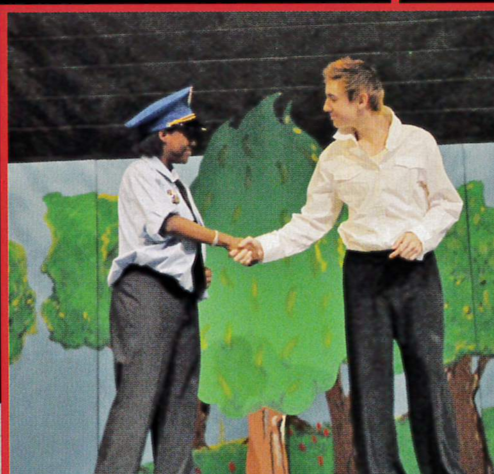

Oh what can we do??? I'm wearing silver, and you black... we're not compatible! :(


Look!! Behind you!! I'm serious!!


Don't worry! We'll save you!


The food here is delicious!


Sara Moore, you did a GREAT job directing our Spring Play!


Good handshake, Antisha!


I really want to get out of here! Anybody??? Save me!


Let's get the spirit...1-2-3!!!


Your shoes are HIDEOUS! Get rid of them!


We miss you, Laurie.

PERFORMING ARTS BANQUET

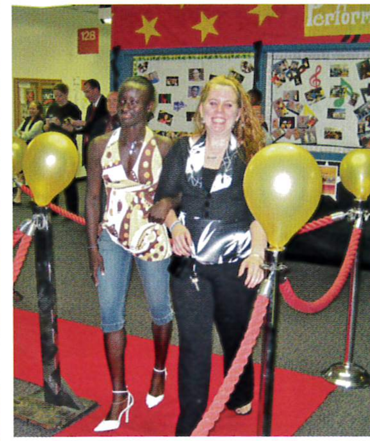






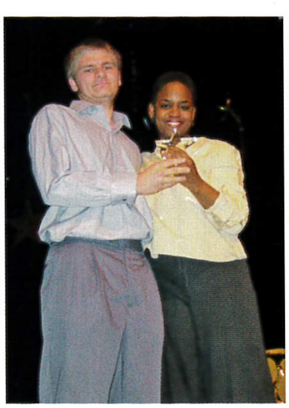














Award Recipients

Fall Showcase	
Outstanding Lead Performer	Sara Moore
Outstanding Supporting Performer	Lindsey Spencer
Most Creative Performer	Ormar Rodriguez
Best Stage Crew	Daisy Sering

Winter Dance Concert	
Outstanding Lead Dancer	Ameena Patterson
Most Dedicated Dancer	Diane Hillard
Most Creative Dancer	Lateefah Patterson
Most Versatile Dancer	Sharice Baker
Best Stage Crew	Sergio Duran

Spring Play	
Outstanding Perfomer	Roman Solovey
Most Improved Performer	Lark McNamara
Best Comedian	Peyton Scott
Most Versatile Performer	Natacha Pericles
Best Stage Crew	Benjamin Shields

All-Around Awards	
Crew of the Year	Sergio Duran
All-Around Artist	Ormar Rodriguez
Most Promising Performer	Sharice Baker
Most Dedicated Performer	Lateefah Patterson
Most Improved Performer	Wegahta Aresei
Unsung Hero	Charlotte Myers
Best Lead Dancer	Ameena Patterson
Best Supporting Dancer	Jene Kelly
Best Lead Actor	Ormar Rodriguez
Best Lead Actress	Sara Moore
Best Supporting Performer	Natacha Pericles
Best Directing	Sara Moore
Performance of the Year	MeiLi Robbins

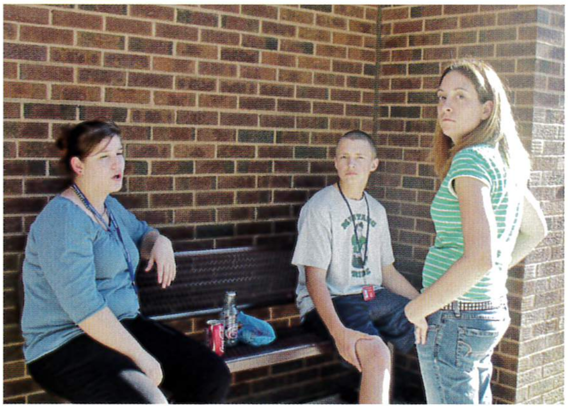
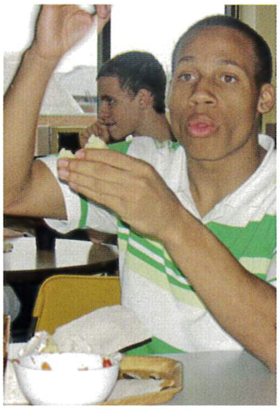
Dorm Life











LIFE @ MSSD!











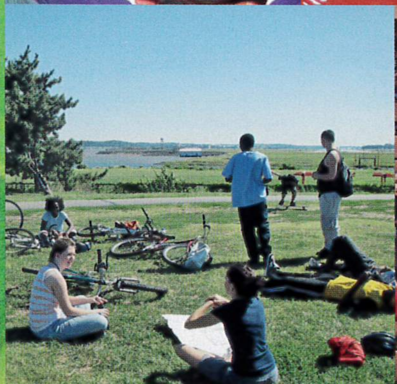













LEADERSHIP TEAMS



Partnership Team



Reciprocity Team





The concept of student development is that there is more to school than academic development alone. It is just as important to develop personal competency as it is to develop intellectual competency. **The program activities are** especially designed to motivate students to realize their true potential in a total educational environment. The terms, "total educational environment," refer to the five domains of education – Social, Physical, Intellectual, Communicative, and Emotional (SPICE). **The focus is on the balanced** academic and personal development program as the essential goal of education. This is contrary to the theory that if students develop intellectually, they will automatically grow in other ways and, therefore educators need not concern themselves with "personal" learning. **The four student development teams** at Model Secondary School for the Deaf were created as a tool in developing students' core potentials by engaging them in social learning opportunities that allows them to explore their abilities. Through interactive team learning, individual learning, planning, and taking on adult responsibilities, students grow faster and better than they ever were.







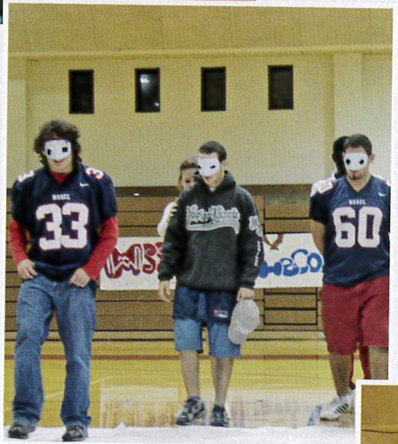
Integration Team



Collaboration Team

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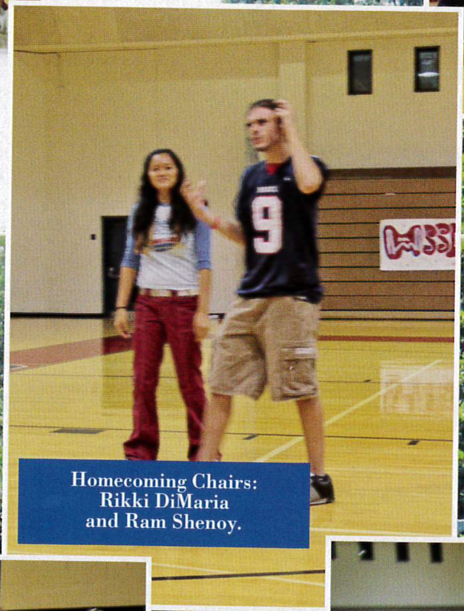




L-R: Ram Shenoy, Rikki DiMaria, Mike Kayembe, Ariela Stein, Mike Halloran, LeAnha Lawson, Domonic Gordine, Jo Rocha, Kenneth Montanez, Laura Akelyte.

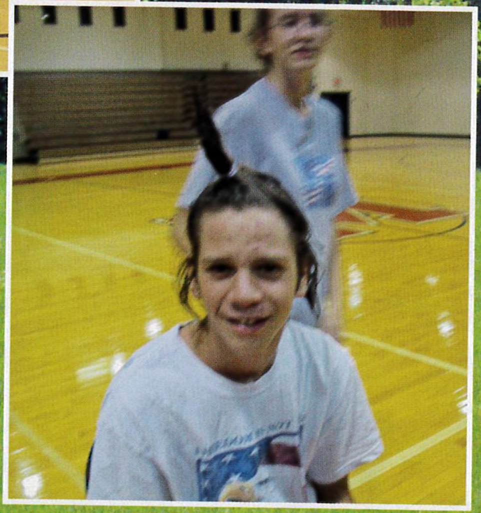






Homecoming Chairs: Rikki DiMaria and Ram Shenoy.





HOMECOMING GAME











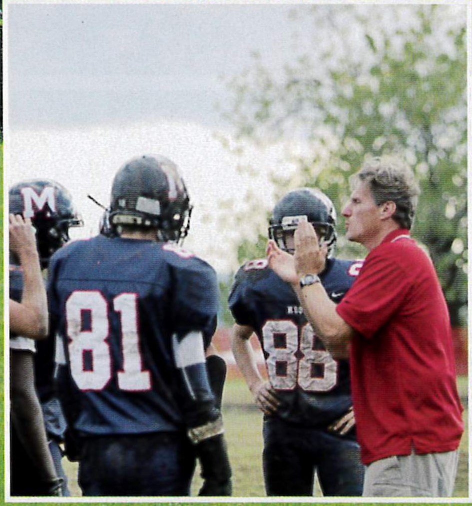








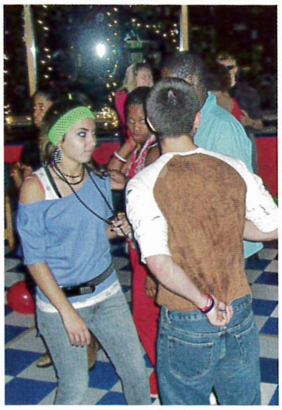
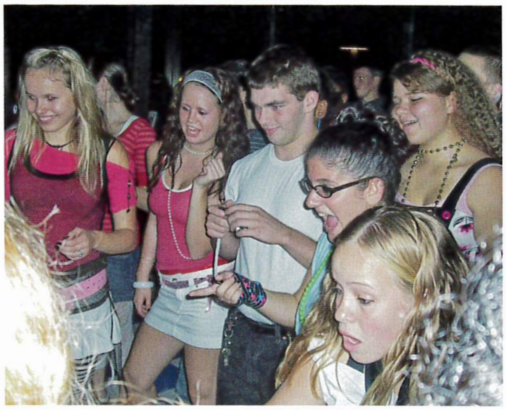


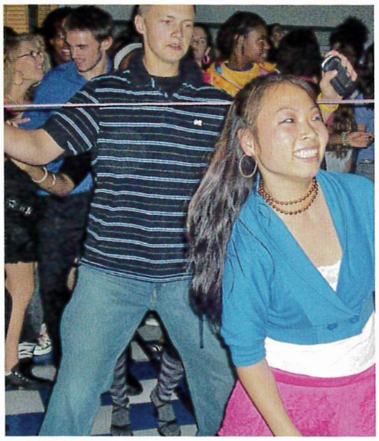


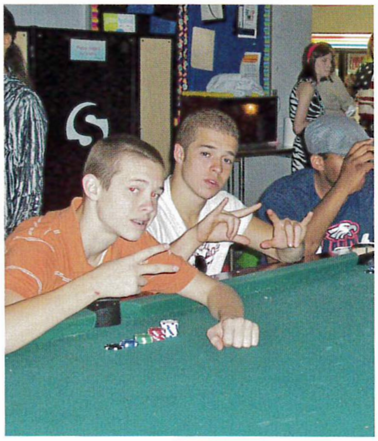


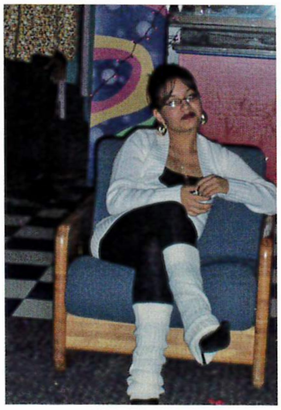
Florida School for the Deaf (lost)... 8-38

Homecoming Dance: Back to the '80s!

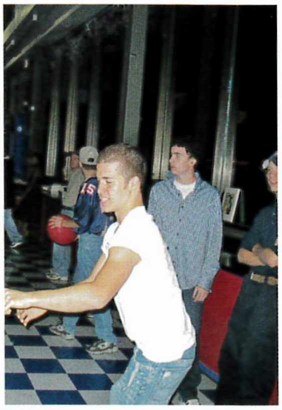













STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENT/
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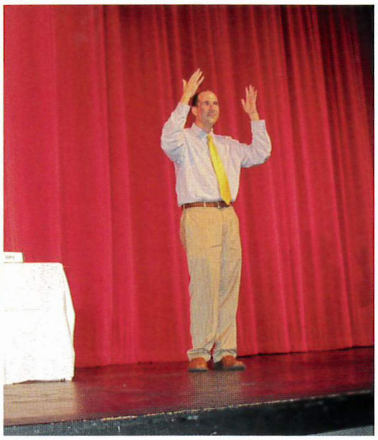


Vice President Shayna Crowell (l) and
President Jo Rocha- *Most Dedicated*



l-r: Assistant sponsor Doug Bortoletto, Head Sponsor Holly Bullard, and CSP Melissa Lawton







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ACADEMIC BOWL / NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Back row, l-r: Andrew Daly, junior; Janet Weinstock, sponsor; Andrew Ferguson, senior.
Front row, l-r: Isabella Kogan, junior; Ryan Hastings, senior; Noel King, senior.





After much hard work, the mighty Eagles went to the Mid-Atlantic region competition, hoping to compete in the final national competition here at Gallaudet University. The team won 3rd place, beating out 13 other schools! Andrew Ferguson, a three year veteran, said: "It was a great experience!"



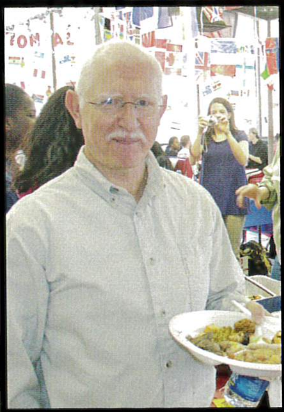


Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to an MSSD student. Eligible juniors and seniors may apply and are evaluated following NHS's rigorous standards. Qualifying students are then inducted into the MSSD chapter of NHS. Del Wynne, David Warn, sponsors.



L-R: Heather Willman, LeAnha Lawson, Noel King, Pakuna Spady, Ariela Stein, Danielle Koplitz, Isabella Kogan, Wegahta Aresei, Kelsey Wessman (in brown), Lateefah Patterson, David VanBoxlaere.

International Awareness Week















March 11-14, 2008***

Yolanta "Yola" Rozynek, an employee of MSSD for over 20 years, established International Awareness Week in 2000 because she wanted to expose MSSD students to different cultures, customs, and foods from all around the great big world out there. Teachers and Staff contribute their time and money for food to make this event successful every year.














MR/MISS MSSD PAGEANT



Miss MeiLi Robbins won the pageant!!



Congratulations, MeiLi!!!



Ramnath and Rikki, wonderful job, you two!!



Miss MSSD MeiLi Robbins



Waiting for the moment!!



Mr. MSSD Xian Huang



The four ladies look gorgeous!!

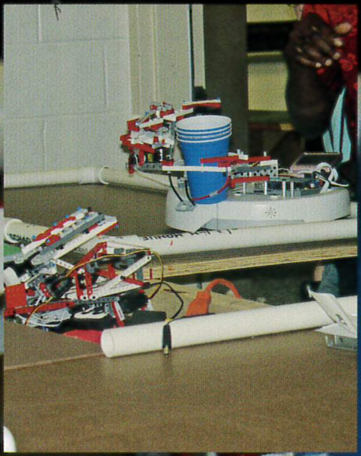


The three gentlemen, anticipating the results...



Botball team: Mark Tao, mentor; Ibby Prachid, Oliver Lee, Munksaruul Jarsaikhan, Ando Ferguson, Tobe Amasiatu, and Miguel Ramos.

Different robots we made.



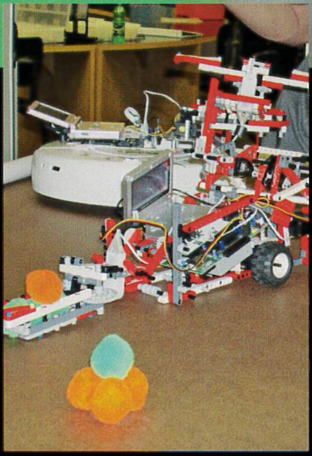
Robotics in the making...

BOTBALL



Ibby, Miguel, and Mike...hard at work!

Munkhsaruul: "I think we are lucky...the size of bridge we cut is correct." Ibby: "Are you sure?" Miguel: "Why don't we measure it one more time?"



Legos Galore!

This year's fast paced game story simulates a space station using robots to prepare for a solar flare. The two autonomous robots must complete a series of tasks (such as gathering and collecting objects) within two minutes.



Careful, Oliver, or the robots will control YOU!

Oliver Lee and Ando Ferguson attended a two-day Botball workshop at the University of Maryland, College Park.



What's the grin for, Ando? :)

Ando and Tobe discuss how the two robots can work together as a team.

FALL FIELD DAY





3rd Place







4th Place









2nd Place





CHAMPIONS



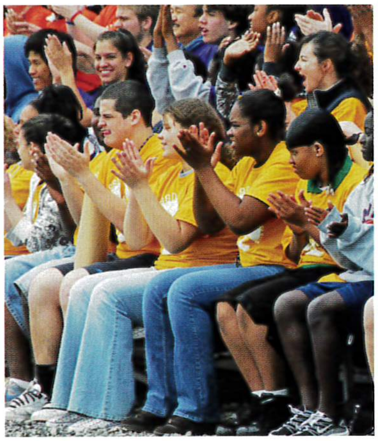
SPRING MIX IT UP FIELD DAY















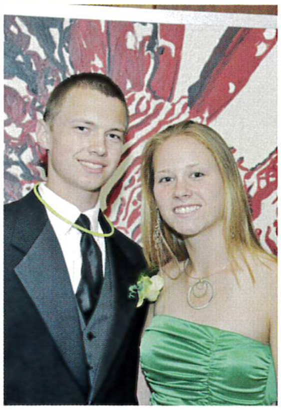


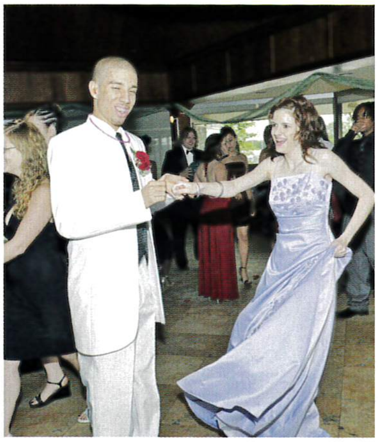




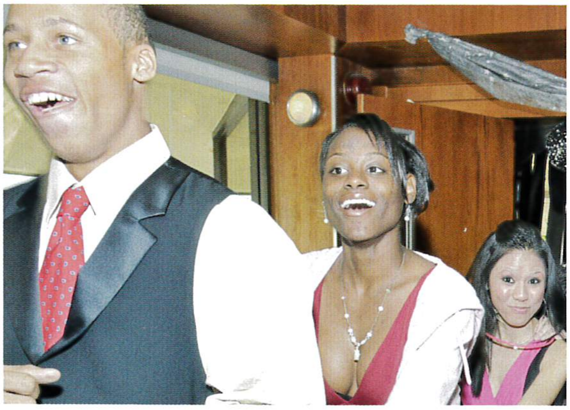
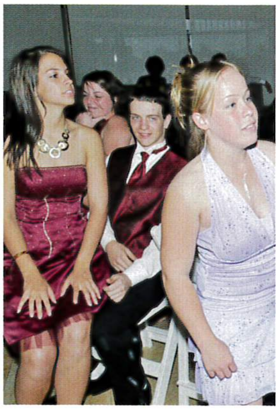


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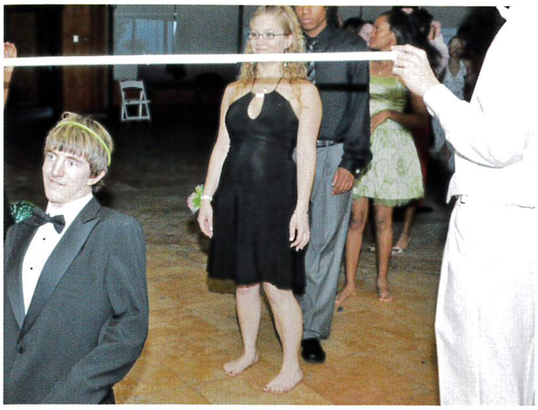






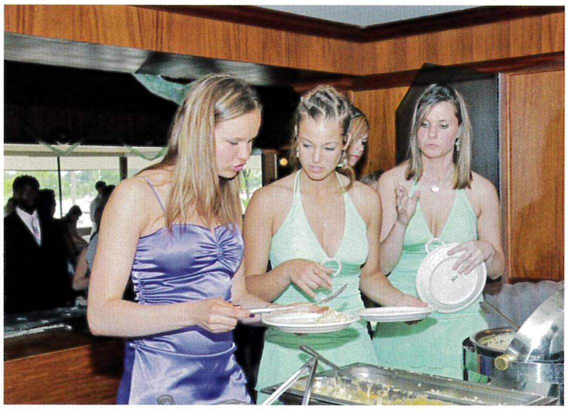
"A Night To Remember"



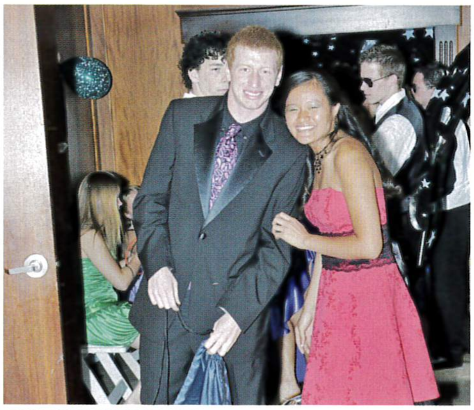









Prom Queen, Ameena Patterson...Prom King, Ram Shenoy




STUDENT DEVELOPMENT BANQUET

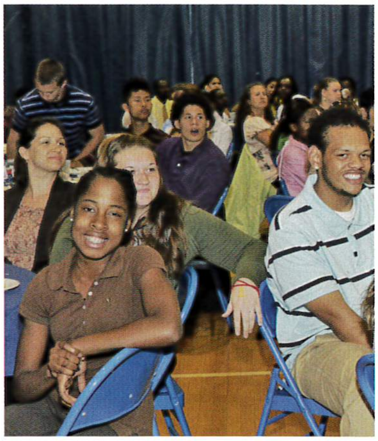







Our Fabulous Guest Speaker:
MSSD Alumni Jennifer Yost-Ortiz












Our Dean of Students:
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Class of 2010
Most Supportive: Carolina Kohn
Most Supportive: James Carter

Class of 2011
Most Dedicated: Roman Solovey
Most Supportive: Malika Spivey

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

Every year, MSSD students are expected to do an internship to meet graduation requirements. Sophomores work at Kendall or MSSD, Juniors usually work at Gallaudet University in different departments and units, and most of our Seniors go off campus and work at a wide variety of locations. Wednesdays are usually the most anticipated day of the week. They get a chance to see what the working world is like.

Datrell Scott, at Gallaudet Construction Facilities (CUB)





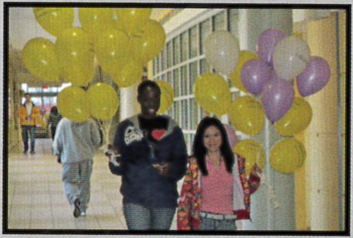


Tiffany Sivell, at St. Peter's InterParish School, as a teacher's aide

Eboni Love-Peel, at Gallaudet's Department of Chemistry



Thomas Francis, at Gallaudet Marketplace



Sylvia Smith and Daisy Sering, at Gallaudet Career Center



Isabella Kogan, at the Center for ASL Literacy



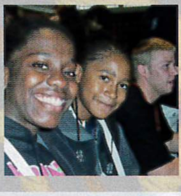
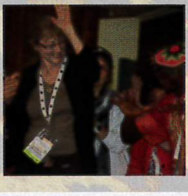
Pakuna Spady, at the Rock Creek Park Horse Center

GLOBE Learning Expedition to SOUTH AFRICA!
Kelsey Wessman and Lateefah Patterson, Class of 2008





Lateefah and Kelsey and their science teacher, Mary Ellsworth went to South Africa to be involved with the GLOBE Learning Expedition with and Indiana School for the Deaf on June 21, 2008. This was the evening of our Graduation Day! We learned a lot about South Africa and the GLOBE Program, and met 300 students from 51 countries. We attended the GLOBE conference, presented about our own research, and went on field trips to learn about the environments around Cape Town. Then we got another week to visit more of South Africa. We saw wild animals in Pilanesberg safari park, such as lions, rhinos, elephants and zebras! We met local people and learned about their culture. As you can see in our pictures, we had a great time learning something new with our partners from ISD, Tyler and Joshua. You should try a science project to study anything related to the environment so you can be involved with GLOBE Program too. Science can be fun!



On the rocky shore at Cape Point, Lateefah and Kelsey work with other students to analyze the water in a small tide pool and then compare with the ocean waves behind them.



GLOBE Chief Scientist Peggy LeMone explains that the Cape Point lighthouse is involved with mesauring climate change. The Lighthouse is 250 m above False Bay (in the background).

We will never ever forget the children in South Africa, who love to dance, play, and learn sign language! We brought them blankets to keep them warm during the wintertime, because their families are very poor. We hope for them to live safely and be happy as they were when we visited them. In the picture (right) the children show their love to us all! We Love Ya!

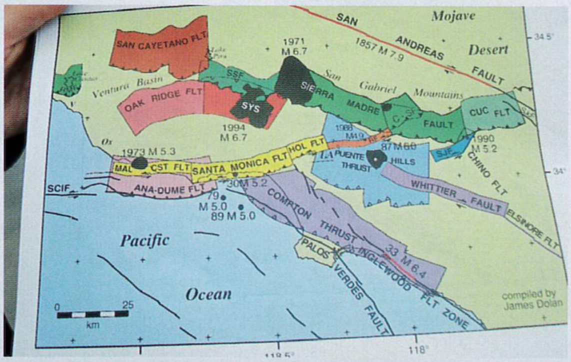




FAULTS IN THE FIELD
EXPEDITION TO CALIFORNIA 2008

May 4-10 MSSD students participated in a cool geoscience trip. The leader was Dr. Michele Cooke, HOH geoscientist from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. 14 students from six schools traveled with Dr. Cooke to learn about earthquakes and faults.
Here we are at the Griffith Observatory. You can see a fantastic view of Los Angeles too. We learned that a big fault called the Puente Hills fault is more than 2 miles down under the city!
L - R: MSSD alum Mary D'Angelo '06, Amy Martin '08, Ameena Patterson '08, teacher Mary Ellsworth, Laura Akelyte '08, and Megan Harrison '08







On the left is a map showing some of the faults we studied on this trip. There are more than 50 faults in southern California! On the right is a picture of a mountain. Every day Dr. Cooke showed us places where faults have moved. Sometimes the movement makes a lake, or causes an earthquake, or makes a mountain, and sometimes it destroys people's homes.



Amy is standing in front of a big fault. You can see two colors of rock behind her. She shows how one kind of rock slides over the other kind. When the rock moves, it can cause an earthquake.

We learned so much on this trip! Thank you, Dr. Cooke, for giving all of us this wonderful opportunity.

DORM AND SCHOOL AWARDS

Most Improved Award

Freshman..........Tiffany VanBoxlaere
Sophomore..........Claudia Barthelemy
Junior..........Capria Hickman
Senior..........Lafeetah Patterson

Most Involved Award

Freshman..........Oliver Lee
Sophomore..........Renee Glanville
Junior..........Natacha Pericles
Senior..........Ameena Patterson

Volunteer Award

Freshman..........Neal Matthews
Sophomore..........Jeremy Smith
Junior..........Daisy Sering
Senior..........Denise Acquah

Unsung Hero Award

Jahmal Jones
Sara Moore

Community Building Award

Freshman..........Roman Solovey
Sophomore..........Carolina Kohn
Junior..........Tiffany Narciso
Senior..........Noel King

Outstanding Student Internship Award

Sophomore..........Jacinda Dowdy
Junior..........Ashley Byrnes
Senior..........Noel King

Most Improved Student Employee Award
Expanded Work Program

Senior..........Joseph Richmond

Outstanding Student Employee Award
Expanded Work Program

Senior..........Nicole Starkman

Mathematics Award

Isabella Kogan

Science Award

Kelsey Wessman

Botball Participation Award

Andrew Ferguson
Munkhsaruul Jargalsaikhan
Oliver Lee

Social Studies Award

Johanna Arrigo

Most Improved Reader Award

Joseph Richmond

Avid Reader Award

Ashley Byrnes

Most Improved Writer Award

John Hagner

Avid Writer Award

Elizabeth McCune

Best Class Attendance Award

Freshman..........Oliver Lee
Sophomore..........Timothy Martin
Junior..........Alicia Anderson
Senior..........Joseph Richmond

Best Activity Attendance Award

Freshman..........Malika Spivey
Sophomore..........Timothy Martin
Junior..........Johanna Arrigo
Senior..........Heather Willman

"M" Club Scholarship

Senior..........Michael Halloran
Senior..........Ryan Hastings

Stephanie Joyner Scholarship Award

Senior..........Munkhsaruul Jargalsaikhan

Model Eagle Award

Freshman..........Oliver Lee
Sophomore..........Carolina Kohn
Junior..........Isabella Kogan

Spirit of MSSD Award

Senior..........Ariela Stein

Class of 2008 - Salutatorian Award
Second Highest GPA

Senior..........Kelsey Wessman

Class of 2008 - Valedictorian Award
Highest GPA

Senior..........Lateefah Patterson

Gallaudet University
President's Scholarship Award

Senior..........Rikki DiMaria
Senior..........Andrew Ferguson
Senior..........Samantha Groetken
Senior..........Pakuna Spady

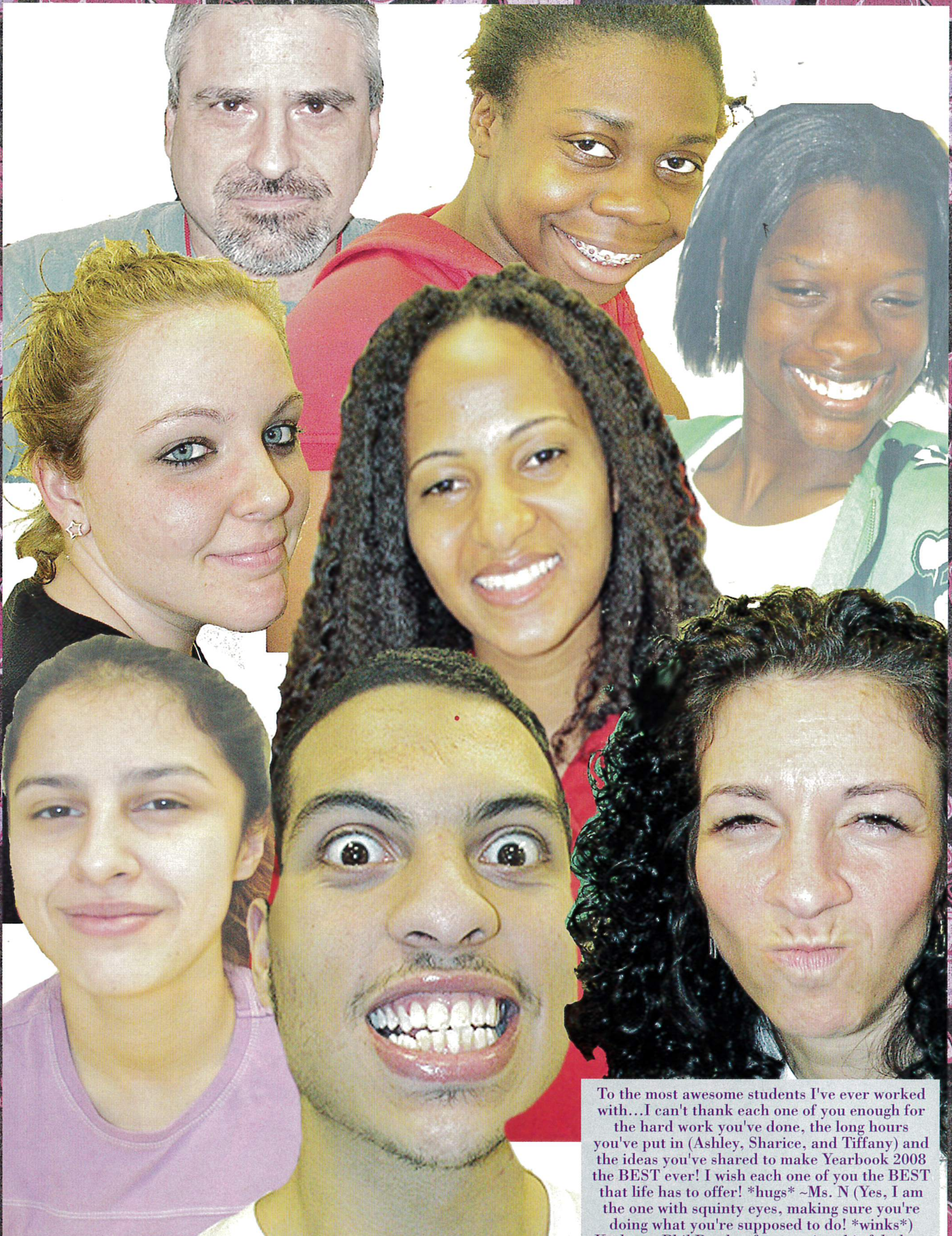
Alan Robert Williams – Memorial Scholarship Award

Senior..........Maria Castaneda
Senior..........Ryan Hastings
Senior..........Danielle Koplitz
Senior..........Kelsey Wessman

Peter B. Hobbs Spirit Award

Senior..........Rikki DiMaria

YEARBOOK 2008 STAFF



To the most awesome students I've ever worked with…I can't thank each one of you enough for the hard work you've done, the long hours you've put in (Ashley, Sharice, and Tiffany) and the ideas you've shared to make Yearbook 2008 the BEST ever! I wish each one of you the BEST that life has to offer! *hugs* ~Ms. N (Yes, I am the one with squinty eyes, making sure you're doing what you're supposed to do! *winks*) Kudos to Phil Bogdan for creating this fabulous montage page! (The students had no idea!)



Goodbye, Y'all!!!
Good Luck!!!



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